

## **REGIONAL GOVERNORS' REPORTS**

Meeting Date: 1/26/2023

### **REGION 1 – Kari McCloskey**

I was not able to attend the November BCOA board meeting held in Washington.

I have been dealing with personal health crisis and have removed myself from the Specialty Shop Chair position. Shirley McFadden will be taking over and I know she will do a great job.

Activity in Region 1 has been quiet. In December, BCDV had two supported entries associated with the Valley Forge KC located in Oaks PA. This show had a good specials turn out. Hopefully there are more class animals up and coming as this show did not pull a major entry.

I sent out dues reminders. From the Treasurer's list of delinquent dues, I have heard from one member who no longer lives in my region. I forwarded this information to Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

I will send out a notice to the region that the website has been updated with minutes from the last meeting.

### **REGION 2 – Betsy Tolley**

### **REGION 3 – Amy Sorbie**

1. 11/17/2022 Sent November Newsletter including:
  - Sent link to Trifold on BCOA Website
  - Requested volunteers for 2023 National with link to Betsy's e-mail.
  - AKC- Information on AKC's new stewards program.
  - Regional Club Happenings: RMBC meet the breeds in Colorado Springs.
  - Breeder Education: article on heads.
  - New litter announcements.
  - New Champion announcements.
  - Upcoming Specialties. Lone Star- Jan 6, RMBC-Feb 18-19.
2. 12/9/2022 Sent December Newsletter including:

- Reminder to send in ballot for Region 2 Governor with information on date due and where to send.
  - Plea for National Trophy donations with link to BCOA trophy donation page.
  - Requested volunteers to help during 2023 National with link to Betsy's email.
  - Reminder for regional clubs to send information on Specialties etc. to Helen Lee for the Aristocrat.
  - Dues reminder with link to dues notice.
  - AKC: information on where to watch AKC National Championship on New Years Day.
  - Breeder education: Progesterone testing.
  - Regional Club Happenings: RMBC Christmas Party photos.
  - New Champions
  - Upcoming events: Lone Star Borzoi Club-Jan, RMBC-Feb
3. 1/6/2023 Lone Star Borzoi Specialty- I attended and this was a lovely specialty with beautiful trophies and ribbons. It was obvious that the club worked well together to present this fun and well run event! I briefly attended the Lone Star meeting after the specialty. I introduced myself as the Region 3 Governor and invited anyone to find me and ask any questions or give suggestions they may have.
  4. 1/16/2023 Sent e-mail to Trestina Gilbert and Hanna Hix about renewing BCOA Membership and reminding them that we need dues by March.
  5. 1/16/2023 Called Sue Cookenboo and she said she did not want to renew her BCOA membership due to health reasons.
  6. 1/16/2023 Sent January newsletter.
    - Asked for nominations for lifetime achievement awards.
    - Ron's letter asking for people interested in Committee chairs and description of positions needed.
    - Kim's note about the National including tentative schedule and hotel info. Sent link for trophy donations and help for the National.
    - Results on Region election and list of current 2023 officers and Board members.
    - AKC- Championship points awarded for Group placements 1-4.
    - AKC- New rally class.

- Regional Club Happenings- Photos from Lone Star Borzoi Club Specialty.
  - Member education- Article on human foods toxic to dogs.
  - New Litters announcements.
  - New Champion Announcements.
  - Upcoming Specialties- RMBC, Feb 18-19, 2023, BCOA National Specialty April 24-30, 2023, TTBC, May 12, 2023.
7. 7/17/23 Emailed the following Life members about needing dues document by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Cydni Bigelow- Responded and said she would submit.
  - Rhanda Glenn- no answer yet.
  - Rene Green- She Responded and said she would submit.
  - Sandra Simmons-Gamble- Email bounced.
  - Billie & Terry Thibeaux- She Responded and said she would submit.
  - Lynn Wall- Email bounced.
8. 7/17/2023 Notified Lyn and Barb D.of the Life member status and let them know that Mary Ewing no longer resides in region 3. I do not know her current address.

#### **REGION 4 –Kay Novotny**

1. Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club News:
  - TTBC has a specialty scheduled for Saturday May 13, judge Del Richards, conformation and Danielle Steenkamp, sweeps. Onofrio Supt.
  - Back-to-back specialties are being planned for November 4-5, 2023 in Bernalillo NM. They will be sharing a beautiful park with the Sporting Dog Assn of NM. Onofrio, Superintendent. Judges: Jim Sillers regular and Anne Quinn (sweeps) on Saturday. Robert Place and Gwen Little (sweeps) on Sunday.
  
2. Borzoi Club of California News:
  - Planning a specialty on Friday, April 14, 2023 with the Western Hound Show. Judges TBD.
  
3. Borzoi Club of Northern CA News:

- BCNC plans to have a June 10 designated specialty with Woofstock, Patricia V Trotter regular classes and Ginger Jones puppy and veteran sweeps.
  - BCNC also plans two designated specialties in October with the Del Valle cluster. Harvest Moon, Oct 19-22 2023, Sat designated specialty Edward McKenzie (Scotland) regular classes  
Sweeps: Corrine Miller. Friday, Oct 18, 2023, Designated Specialty, Judges TBD.
4. The BCNC and the Turquoise Trail BC specialties will no longer conflict with one another.
  5. Email from Barbara Binder: **I recently received the Quick Reference Guide for Judges sent to all Borzoi judges from the Borzoi Club of America. As a breeder and a judge I find two very disturbing statements in this folder which should be defined and corrected.**

**1<sup>st</sup> The term “plush” has never been used in any Borzoi standard that I know of. As such the term should not have been added as a separate coat style without a change in the breed standard. Feathering on the legs and tail and a profuse rough around the neck is a part of the standard and applies to all coat styles. The current standard already emphasizes the importance of sound running gear over all.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> The devaluation of a correct mouth is a huge problem. Teeth and bite are very important in the hunting dog. It is part of the structure and type of the Borzoi. Teeth faults should be judged on the degree to which they affect the performance of the hunting dog. Emphasis should be placed on the strength of the jaws and teeth but that’s a different discussion entirely.**

#### **REGION 5 – Kristina Terra**

The Region 5 hosted the BCOA Board meeting at the proposed 2024 BCOA National specialty hotel in Olympia, Washington. The hotel’s Sales and Marketing Manager gave a tour of the facilities to the members of the board.

In the months before and after the board meeting, a few additional changes to the hotel contract have been added and accepted by the manager, as requested by the Show co-chairs. The contract has been passed on to the Board and the BCOA attorneys for final negotiations and signing. The attorneys have found several additional questions to be settled. Everyone who will be working on the 2024 BCOA National is eager to hear back and start the real work. Hillary Tregillis, who had negotiated the initial contract and has conducted a large dog event at the same venue, is the Facilities Coordinator.

At the Puyallup, WA shows, the 2024 BCOA National preparation work, committees and needs were discussed with the members of the Puget Sound Borzoi Club.

In January, I was notified by a local Borzoi person about the viral Borzoi meme going around on social media. The #borzoi hashtag had gone from 300 million to nearly a billion in days. I passed on this information to the board. This type of hype may result in a raising popularity of the breed and so the breeders should make sure that due diligence is done with prospective homes.

I have contacted all members that needed to pay their dues and life-members that needed to update or confirm their information. I had received several replies and also offers to help at the 2024 National in Olympia. Thank you to the region 5 members for being so generous with your time!

### **REGION 6 –Kim Horn Janek**

Since my last report dated 11/05/2022:

1. I participated in the November 5, 2022 BCOA Board Fall Face-to-Face meeting in Olympia, Washington and all of the BCOA Board conference calls.
2. I received numerous emails from Board members discussing future Board meeting schedules.
3. I received correspondence from Treasurer, L. Hoflin advising me of members in my region that had not renewed their memberships for 2023. I notified those members and after sending a second notice, have heard back from all. Unfortunately, one member chose not to renew. I have sent a second notice to the Life Members and still have ten members that have not responded. I will follow up with them again before the deadline of March 1, 2023.
4. I submitted my signed Code of Conduct/Confidentiality Agreement to President Ron Williams to continue as National Specialty Chair.
5. I have received three emails and one phone call from Region 6 members regarding the CHIC discussion. Two were supportive of the Board's decision and two respectfully offered suggestions on how it could have been handled differently.
6. I spoke to several Region 6 Members at a local show and introduced myself to a potential new member.
7. I have been working with Helen Lee, Barbara Danieli, Betsy Tolley, Rhonda Robins, Shirley McFadden, Joyce Law and Lyn Hoflin on 2023 National Specialty issues which will be highlighted in my Committee Report.