

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### 1. AKC Gazette – Kristina Terra

The AKC Gazette May issue Borzoi column is about to go to print. The next article is on Borzoi in agility and is based on my interviews with two BCOA members who are agility experts, Lou Avant of Georgia and Suzanne Deghi of California.

### 2. Annual Versatility Award & Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny

Reporting year: 2022

I would like to report that BCOA had 2 dogs submitted for consideration for the Annual Versatility Award.

The overall winner for 2022 was:

DC Teine Fendi Sandals BN RE LCX MC CGC LCM, call name Fendi. HP 56255405.  
Congratulations, owners Sheryl Amburgey & Harry Van Vliet and Fendi!

Fendi achieved a total score of 85.7666 points! Hearty congratulations to her owners and also breeder Dr. Anne Midgarden!

The other applicant and score:

2. Score 44: CH Maskova's School Of Rock Of The Wild Hunt RN SC BCAT CGC TKN ATT, HP HP 60056502, owned by G Ariel Duncan, Elisabeth Szymanski, Mary McDonald, bred by G Ariel Duncan, Elisabeth Szymanski, Jim Szymanski.

Congratulations to these 2 wonderful dogs for having a great 2022!

### 3. Aristocrat – Helen Lee

Nothing to Report

### 4. ASFA Delegate – Susan Van de Water

Sandra Moore sent the last ASFA Communiques in December. Working on transition with Susan.

### 5. BCOA Archivist – KC Artley

1. Updates to the BCOA website: Under "History" is "Registrations By Year" 1890 - 2021. Under "History" is "Board Members 1903-2022" a list of officers, board members and

some Committee chairpersons. All BCOA show results from 1955 - 2022 can be viewed under "Specialty Results Previous Years", which is a link under both "History" and under "Events". The new chart "Specialty Cities, Dates, Judges, Counts" is a selection under both "History" and "Events". The chart gives you a way to quickly see if a BCOA Specialty was ever held in a particular city, or if a certain judge ever judged a BCOA Specialty, and provides a link to that show's results.

2. The article "Showing Borzoi In 1965" will be published in the next Aristocrat (Spring 2023)

6. Bev Taylor Trust – Barbara O’Neill

See Supporting Documents

7. Borzoi Welfare –

The Welfare Borzoi flyer is out of date and desperately need an update. See Supporting Documents

8. BCOA Shop – Gary Gideon

As per our phone conversation, I would like to set-up a stand-alone website to sell merchandise for the club for the pre-sale of the national and after. We can see how the site will look and see if it would be something to continue on with before it is published to the public. Once Shirley and Betsey have decided on what they are ordering, I can start designing the pages. You can look at a site I designed centexkc.org for my local club. I also have support from my son-in-law who is the IT technical director for one of the local school districts in Waco. This is a step of faith for me to take on a big project. But with patience and support I believe I can succeed. I will take this position if approved by the board.

9. BCOA Web Site – Helen Lee

Nothing to Report

10. Futurity Event – Cindi Gredys

No arrangements have been made to secure the menu yet for the opening event. I’m waiting to hear from Kim and Barbara about that.

Trophies are secured.

The 4 puppy trophies are wooden book ends with a borzoi head engraved in them. I hope to get some donations of a book or 2 from borzoi authors to include. If any board member has a new or like new book(s) they’d like to donate that would be appreciated.

The stud dog and brood bitch will also get the engraved book ends, book(s), and 2 engraved wine glasses.

Best Opp and Breeder awards are engraved flat wooden trays with set of 4 engraved wine glasses, and apron with borzoi motif.

Best in Futurity award will be an engraved wooden tray with sides (different style than above, larger), set of 4 engraved wine glasses, apron, and wine/sparkling beverage.

#### 11. Futurity – Lydia Pruett

Since assuming the position of Futurity Secretary, I spent time reviewing the rules, coordinating updates to the Futurity page and the forms on the BCOA website and sending out status reminders to the members who have nominated bitches, litters and puppies for 2023. I started the process for updating everything for 2024 as well.

- 2023 Futurity (to date): 25 Bitches nominated
  - 22 Litters nominated
  - 79 Puppies nominated
    - 6 from the 2022 Futurity that did not maintain their eligibility
    - 12 that have formally dropped or have stopped paying but not responded to reminders
    - 52 remain eligible though some will need to pay fees prior to March 8 to be entered.

Total collected to date for 2023: \$1,610

- 2024 Futurity (to date):
  - Bitches nominated – 9
  - Litters nominated – 6
  - Puppies nominated - 2
- I sent out 3 rounds of 2023 Futurity Judge ballots to the eligible members (a 3<sup>rd</sup> round was necessary as there was a first-place tie after the second round). The results were sent to Barbara Danieli, Kim Horn Janek and Cindi Gredys, Futurity Coordinator to contact the winner.
- Entry forms for stud dog and brood bitch were sent out. A deadline of March 8 was established for their return in order to provide enough time to finalize the details for the catalog.
  - Brood Bitch entries to date – 3
  - Stud Dog entries to date – 0

#### 12. Health

Ron accepted resignations from Nancy Hopkins, Danielle Steenkamp, Le Abordo and Leslie Walenta. Leaving Karla Smith as the only committee member. Ron is reaching out to perspective committee members. Holter ownership is being

transferred to Caryl Dumaine. All other Health Committee inventory, documentation and records will be shipped to Ginger Jones.

### 13. Judges Education – Patti Neale

Borzoi were included in the AKC/DJAA Advanced Institute in Orlando in December. There were 35 students enrolled, but I have not received the followup report from AKC with the names of the actual attendees. There is always some attrition, especially for the Friday presentations and workshops.

For the hands-on workshop we had seven Borzoi and their owners or handlers participating. Thanks to Kay Novotny, Deb Vidaver-Cohen, Corissa Fanning and Joy Sargis for providing Borzoi for the student judges to practice on.

ADSJ will be holding an Advanced Institute in Louisville in March, featuring the sighthounds. Borzoi seminar and workshop will be on Saturday morning. Once again, we will need volunteers to bring dogs for the workshop.

The National Judges Study Group will be held on Friday May 28, and Saturday the 29th in Virginia Beach. Notice has been posted in the AKC seminars listing since December, and will continue to be advertised on the Judges List as usual.

### 14. Legislative Issues – Lyn Hoflin

November 1, 2022 - Tennessee – Announcement of an animal rights lobbying seminar scheduled for November 1, 2022, 6:30-8:00pm, at the Memorial Park Community Center, 510 Bert Street, Johnson City, Tennessee.

November 5, 2022 – Texas - To comply with [legislation enacted in 2021](#), the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) proposed [new general rules](#) about the inspections it conducts, including for [dog breeders licensed by the State of Texas](#).

November 11, 2022 – Louisiana - A problematic and overreaching proposed [animal ordinance](#) could be voted on by the St. Landry Parish Council at its next meeting on

November 16, 2022. The proposal includes vague definitions, dangerous dog provisions that are contrary to state law, overreaching and incentivized confiscation provisions, permit requirements for any person who sells or transfers a cat or dog, and would violate dog owners' due process rights.

November 15, 2022 – Kansas - The Wichita Animal Services Advisory Board will meet on Wednesday, November 16 at 4:00pm to discuss a potential mandatory spay and neuter ordinance.

November 15, 2022 – Illinois - AKC Government Relations (GR) and the Illinois Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners (IFDCO) invited Illinois clubs to participate in a one-hour Zoom meeting to discuss issues that may impact them, and how you can help us protect our dogs and our sports.

December 14, 2022 – Nationwide – AKC Government Relations presented highlights of issues on the Federal level being addressed by AKC.

January 4, 2023 – Texas – Introduction from Jacob Hupp, Legislative Analyst/Community Outreach Coordinator.

January 23, 2023 –

Texas - The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) has [adopted new rules](#) about the inspections it conducts, including for dog breeders licensed by the State of Texas.

Washington - Announcement that a bill that will protect certain owners and pets during extreme weather situations passed out of a Washington State House committee.

Indiana - January 23, the Indiana House and Senate Agriculture Committees will consider bills that seek to regulate pet stores and establish consumer protection provisions for pet store sales.

Washington - A Washington state House committee scheduled a hearing for January 25 to consider House Bill 1234. This proposed bill addresses the issue of animals being seized on cruelty charges, and the payment of their care during impoundment.

January 24, 2023 –

Tennessee - The Knoxville City Council was scheduled to hold a second vote to enact overreaching changes to the city animal ordinance, which includes provisions that would criminalize the actions of many responsible dog owners.

Nationwide - Anti-breeder and animal rights groups are making a year-end push on Capitol Hill to advance arbitrary and harmful federal breeder regulations ([H.R. 2840](#) /[S. 1385](#)) called the “Puppy Protection Act”.

Nationwide - On January 9, 2023, the United States Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) formally announced future proposed changes to the federal Animal Welfare Act’s (AWA) rules and standards, including adding regulatory requirements to address species-specific environmental enrichment for all regulated animals, including dogs.

January 26, 2023 - Nationwide - United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced an extension of the temporary suspension of dog imports from countries classified as high risk for rabies. The current suspension period was to conclude on January 31. Today’s announcement extends the suspension period until July 31, 2023.

January 31, 2023 - Missouri - The Missouri Agriculture Policy Committee is considering a bill on Thursday, February 2, that would make several changes to protect dogs and the rights of dog owners when animals are seized on *suspicion* of neglect or abuse. The purpose of the

bill is to ensure that the accused are treated as innocent until proven guilty, and to protect any dogs that are seized and held during a trial.

#### 15. Meet the Breeds (NYC) – Ron Williams

NYC:

The 2023 AKC Meet the Breeds event took place on January 28-29, 2023 at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in New York City.

We had the following volunteers and greeters:

Saturday:

Jill Venturo (BCOA) with Ian (1st year)

Judith Teicher with Kiri (1st year)

Ron Williams (BCOA) with Suni

Melissa N. Kucmierczyk – photographer

Sunday:

Cathy Rong and Christen with Nova

Ed Zobel with Sasha

Linda & Mathew with puppy Doki (1st year)

Ron Williams (BCOA)

Melissa N. Kucmierczyk – photographer

Unconfirmed numbers, Sunday = 20,000 people; Saturday = 16,000 expected. It felt like they all visited the Borzoi booth. Our furry greeters were the hit as always. We always had a crowd, young and old, standing, sitting or lying on the floor to get pettings, hugs and kisses. Also people standing in line to have their chance to get up close. The dogs loved it. Nova has a large Instagram following. Most showed up to see him in person!

AKC used breed backdrops to keep things consistent. Therefore, I didn't use Patti's backdrop as in the past. Aside from giving my proven 2-3 minute spiel to the visitors, I had an 8 page Borzoi coloring book (yes I expanded this year!) with crayons. 120 books were given out. There were 8x10 framed photos depicting Borzoi doing field events, a litter of 8 two month old puppies and photos of each greeter with name plates.

This year AKC provided a scan card to scan for breed information. Disappointed at this, I printed copies to hand out on Sunday.

It's becoming more difficult to secure BCOA members to participate. As you can see there were only two of us. Doki was a Saturday night substitute for Sunday morning! Fortunately, they lived in the city. I'm relying on other breeders and pet owners. Hopefully, as MTB rolls out to other cities, there will be a higher participation of BCOA members.

#### 16. Members Education – Prudence Hlatky

- 1) 2023 National Member Education Seminar - two presenters - A brief Legislative Update by Shiela Geoff, AKC VP Government Relations and the BCOA JEC presentation by Patti Neale.
- 2) BCOA Member Education Coordinator - The AKC Parent Club committee is in the process of developing a position description for the Education Coordinator which is expected by May 2023.

## 17. National Specialty

- 2023 – Virginia Beach

Our 2023 Facility Chair, Betsy Tolley, has been working tirelessly on the 2023 National Specialty at Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, VA.

Here are some of the areas I have been involved with:

1. At last count, the room reservation count is 493 room nights.
2. I have completed the Show Premium List and am waiting for all the forms to be completed on the website so that we can make it live.
3. With BCOA Webmistress, H. Lee, I have proof read all three Lure Coursing premiums and those are ready to be posted as soon as we go live.
4. Participated in numerous conference calls with Nancy Hopkins, B. Tolley and B. Danieli re: feasibility of conducting Health Clinics at the National. All seemed to be in place until the resignation of the majority of the Health Committee. Because of the difficulties in getting the necessary equipment to Virginia Beach and volunteers to man the clinic, the Board decided to cancel the Thyroid Clinic. There will be an off-site Eye Clinic with details in the Premium List.
5. Received email from Bernard Shuster requesting information on the catalog advertising. I forwarded his request to H. Lee.
6. I have been in communication with Joyce Law, Trophy Chair, to confirm donations and available funds for ribbons. She is working with Premier Ribbons to fabricate our Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Bitch, NOHS Best of Breed, Best Puppy, Best Veteran, Best Bred-By Exhibitor, Winners Dog and Bitch, Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch, High Scoring Dog in Trial and all Award of Merit ribbons. Hodges Badges will be fabricating the balance of our ribbons. A special thank you to Shirley McFadden as she has been assisting Joyce as she takes on this huge task for the first time at the National level.
7. Received an email from Futurity Secretary, Lydia Pruitt, asking what she should do because there was a tie for the Futurity Judge. I advised her to confirm that both nominees were still willing and able to judge in April 2023 and if so, send out another ballot to the Futurity entrants. I

gave her a new due date of January 15, 2023 and received the winning name well before that date.

8. I private messaged Caryl Dumaine, letting her know that I will be calling her about the silent auction after completing the Premium Lists.
9. I have worked with B. Tolley and B. Danieli on fund-raising raffles. Details will be forthcoming.
10. I have the show program set up and with V. Jones assistance, have received a reasonable quote from Media Solutions for catalog printing.
11. I have participated in a conference call with B. Tolley and Rhonda Robins, finalizing the hospitality aspect of the National.
12. I have ordered logo notepads, logo medallions, logo magnets, pens and a surprise specialty item that will only be available at the National.
13. B. Tolley has ordered judges' gifts and trophies for Puppy Sweepstakes. Betsy is also working on special logo trophies for Lure Coursing BOBs, DCh Stakes, Best Puppy, Best Veteran, Best BBE and NOHS BOB which I'm sure will be well received.
14. In addition, we have submitted the 2024 Specialty Facility Contract to our club lawyer for review. We are awaiting the final copy which will be forwarded to L. Hoflin for her signature.

- 2024 – Olympia, WA

18. Nominating Committee – ??

19. Registry of Merit – KC Artley

1 female qualifies for a ROM-C:

GCH Chrysalis The Call Of Wings BN CD

Dam of

GCH Chrysalis Theif of Hearts

GCH Chrysalis Playing On My Heart String

GCH Chrysalis Total Eclipse Of The Heart

CH Chrysalis Star Of My Heart

CH Chrysalis Be Still My Heart

20. Standing Rules – Shirley McFadden

Ron will update website with the Board approved SR / NAT59.