

BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.



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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT 05/19/18 -08/07/18

- 05/20/18 Received a request from Bo Bengston for Board approval for comments from the the National Specialty Judges for the Sighthound Review.
- 05/30/28 Mailed Life Membership Certificates to Elizabeth Archer, Joan Donahue, Kalen Dumke, Karen Dumke, Kay Henderson, Trudi Jensen, Virginia Jones, Pam Mayberry, Susan Motisi, Karen Murray, David Nutting, Jane Schreiber, Peter Schreiber, and Susan Tintori.
- 05/30/18 Mailed 50-year award memento to Chere Fuessel.
- 05/30/18 Sent thank-you letters to our specialty judges
- 05/31/18 Received 2018 Research Grants Portfolio from the AKC Canine Health Foundation.
- 06/05/18 Received a request from Bernard Shuster, beshuster@gmail.com, for breeders in Florida and the southeast. Sent.
- 06/05/18 Received the May statements for the Beverly Taylor Accounts from Charles Schwab.
- 06/05/18 Sent show results for the National to Bo Bengston.
- 06/06/18 Received confirmation of the requested transfer of funds to NBRF from Charles Schwab.
- 06/06/18 Received confirmation of the requested transfer of funds to BCOA from Charles Schwab.
- 06/07/18 Received a phone request from Linda Dietrick for breeders in Maryland and surrounding states.
- 06/07/18 Received close out notices from AKC for the National Specialty events.
- 06/07/18 Sent information regarding Carl Holder, the tabulator for several breed clubs, to Ron Williams.
- 06/08/18 Received a thank-you from Sweepstakes Judge Tami Marshall.
- 06/09/18 Received a request from Roberta Kelly for the email address of Dr. Karen Klein.
- 06/13/18 Received notice from AKC of the hiring of Lynn Meyer as Executive Field Representative.
- 06/13/18 Received a request from AKC for nominations for the AKC Humane Fund Award for Canine Excellence.
- 06/13/18 Returned the Parent Club Medallion Pledge Form (with payment) for the AKC National Championship Show in Orlando.
- 06/13/18 Received an email from David Nutting regarding his wife, Elizabeth Tolley, who has never been recognized as a life member. Contacted Joy Windle to update her

- records and sent a Life Membership certificate to Elizabeth.
- 06/25/18 Received an email from Lisa Douris regarding her business, Small Business Web Design, www.unlimitedwebdesign.org, and offering her services.
- 06/26/18 Received a request from John Ebeling, ozarkwilds@gmail.com, for information on Borzoi and breeders around Missouri.
- 06/20/18 Received a request from Jay Salls, jaysalls@live.com, for breeders in New Mexico. Sent.
- 06/26/18 Received a request from AKC for a current list of BCOA approved mentors.
- 06/30/18 Received a request from Lee Samatowic, Lee@professionalformulas.com, for breeders in the northwest. Sent.
- 06/30/18 Received the Summer Newsletter from the Theriogenology Foundation.
- 07/01/18 Received a request from Tawnya Stojakovic, tawnya6@gmail.com, for breeders in NJ, NY, CT and PA. Sent.
- 07/03/18 Received an email from Kristina Terra regarding Sweepstakes Judging restrictions.
- 07/05/18 Received the June statements for the Beverly Taylor Accounts from Charles Schwab.
- 07/10/18 Received a copy of the AKC Meet the Breeds Response form from Patti Neale.
- 07/16/18 Received a request from Desi McAnelly, mcanelly@gmail.com, for breeders near NW Missouri. Sent.
- 07/20/18 Received a BCOA Junior Showmanship Scholarship application for Elisa Patti from Barbara Tyler Lord.
- 07/22/18 Received a phone call from Michelle Copeland asking that the Board address her concerns regarding puppy contracts at their August Board Meeting.
- 07/24/18 Received a request from Kelly Amspacher, Kelly@yorkpa.org, with the York County Convention and Visitor Center, for information on our requirements for hosting a National Specialty in York, Pennsylvania.
- 07.25/18 Received a list of BCOA's AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Recipients to send to AKC from Ron Williams.
- 07/31/18 Received a request from David H, articfoxpress@gmail.com, for breeders in Washington. Sent.
- 08/01/18 Received a notice from Brynn White, the Archivist with the American Kennel Club Library and Archives, bew@akc.org, indicating that because of storage limitations she has pulled out two items that would be of interest to BCOA. One is a woodcut of the logo for the Russian Wolfhound Club of America, and another is a 1950 plaque presented to Luis J. Murr by BCOA.
- 08/01/18 Received a request from Deborah Fleming, jacquardesigner@bellsouth.net for breeders in NC. Sent.
- 08/03/18 Received a request from Amanda Wetherington, amandawetherington@gmail.comforbreeders near Greenville, SC. Sent.
- 08/07/18 Received updated Registration Statistic from Mark Dunn at AKC.
- 08/07/18 Received a thank-you from AKC Re-Unite for our contribution of \$2,000.00 to the AKC Pet Disaster Relief project.

Treasurer (Jan Leikam) Financial statements are available for BCOA members only. Please contact Jan directly for the reports.

AKC Delegate (Barbara O'Neill)

The AKC Delegate meeting was held Tuesday, June 12, 2018.

The following sentence is to be added to end of Ch. 5, Sec. 2: Ribbons or rosettes used for regular and non-regular class placements for 1st through 4th must meet the requirements, except the date of the show and location of the show need not be included.

Limited Registration – from the reaction from the first proposal this will not be addressed again.

The following amendments will be voted on at the September meeting:

Chapter 5, Section 9, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies, allows a club to offer a three-time win trophy for Reserve Best in Show. The proposal was brought forward by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and Staff recommendation. The amendment will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2018 meeting.

Chapter 11, Section 16, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility, would address collars and leads that are considered inappropriate for use at dog shows. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and unanimously disapproved by the AKC Board at the February 2018 Board meeting. The Dog Show Rules Committee is requesting that this amendment go forward to the Delegates for a vote, as per the AKC Bylaws.

From July Board Minutes:

Cost of Club Insurance Based on a request from the Board, Staff investigated the cost of the AKC paying the premium for AKC Clubs' general liability or accident coverage. After discussion, the Board does not recommend that the AKC pay the insurance premium for clubs. The Board agrees with the Staff's recommendation that the AKC educate clubs about the benefits of insurance. The Board would like Staff to arrange a Delegate Forum on insurance needs for clubs.

Earning One Point for Best of Winners with Competition (1+1 = 1) The Board reviewed a recommendation to amend Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 16, Section 1 to award a maximum of one championship point to Best of Winners when no points are awarded to Winners in either sex, if the combined number of regular class exhibits for both sexes meets or exceeds the minimum required for one point for the sex/division where the event is held. The Board voted to approve the proposed changes. The proposal will be read at the September Delegates' meeting and voted at the December Delegates' meeting. If approved, the change becomes effective January 1, 2019.

The next Delegate Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 25, 2018. An agenda has not been determined.

Regional Governors Summer 2018

Region 1 (Chuck Grabosky)

1. Sent out information regarding the 2019 Nation Hotel. Requested if any R1 members are interested in working or volunteering to let me know.
2. Sent out information on missing Borzoi in CT. Requested if any R1 members in the New England area could assist to please do.
3. Sent out NBRF resolution to R1 members.
4. Announcement for BCNE specialty was sent to R1 members.
5. Received a call from a R1 member to discuss a suggestion, also sent to Ron, for breeders to add to their contracts. We can discuss further.
6. "Borrowed" Shirley's correspondence to R3 regarding New Member Outreach; Advertising; ROM and Versatility Programs; Canine Ambassador Program; Meeting notes, etc....

Region 2 (Katie Averill)

Asked the members to send me anything they wanted the next Board meeting to address.

- *Sent out the information for the TSEs in Regions 1 & 2.
- *Sent out the new AKC point schedule. And I reminded them to join the BCOCMembersOnly group.
- *Sent out Ron's request to remind the members that the requirements for NBRF were not final and that BCOA and NBRF were working on a compromise. I then answered 9+ emails from members upset about the issue.
- *Sent out Chuck's reminder of Region 1 specialties and TSEs.
- *Sent out the resolution between BCOA and NBRF.
- *Sent out a copy of the judging schedule for this year's National. Thanks Chuck for providing.
- *Sent my members a copy of the 2017 BTRF report as several members had asked me just how much money BTRF gave NBRF.
- *Sent out the warning about the AKC phishing problem.
- *Sent out the photo and information about the Borzoi that NBRF was trying to find the breeder of.
- *Sent out Ron's AKC Education Summit report.
- *Sent out the information on the 2019 National.

- *Sent out the information on the NBRF-International auction.

I have also received many "thank you" emails from my members.

Region 3 (Shirley McFadden)

President Ron Williams statement regarding NBRF was sent in June to Region 3 members. No responses or comments were received.

Attached a heat Advisory for Pets Flyer

New member OUTFR EACH: Shared the link to BCOA membership information:

<http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/join-bcoa.html>

I **attached** both the BCOA membership application and sponsorship forms that can be printed and mailed.

I reminded everyone that that we have excellent rates to showcase our beautiful hounds in the BCOA Aristocrat digital Magazine. Information can be found here:

<http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/shopping.html> Submission deadlines to Helen Lee are Feb 15, May 15, Aug 15, & Nov 15.

Notice of new magazine: Borzoi Review and information can be found here:

<https://borzoireview.com/> It is a glossy full color magazine with excellent articles and rates

SHOW NEWS: We just had a Borzoi TSE and Sweepstakes last weekend in Houston, organized by Prudence Hlatky Results can be found at:

<http://www.onofrio.com/execpgm/wbsrbred?wtsrk1=HOUS1142182BOR>

The Family and Friends of Rachel Hunt also held a successful and well supported fund raiser for juniors scholarships at these shows.

Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club held a spring TSA and Specialty in conjunction with the Terry-All Kennel Club. Results for these shows can be found at

<http://www.onofrio.com/execpgm/wbsrbred?wtsrk1=TERR0813452BOR>

The Lone Star Borzoi Club is planning to have it's fall Specialty shows in conjunction with the Cen-Tex Kennel Club all breed show at the Bell County Expo Sept 29, 2018. The Saturday specialty judge is Robert Place of New Mexico, and I'm told also known in Open Field Coursing. The sweepstake judge is Karen Wilkin of Blackmoor Borzoi in Arkansas. Entries will close September 12, 2018. There will be two shows on Saturday and one on Sunday so a chance for THREE majors in two days. Link to the Cen-Tex Kennel Club Premium and LSBC Premium will be at: <http://www.onofrio.com/execpgm/fndindex?show=PL2018091209EE#CENT1> as soon as Onofrio posts them.

Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club is holding their Labor Day Specialty on September 3, 2018. The Sweepstakes judge is Joyce law of Katushka Borzoi in Colorado, and the Regular class Judge is Laura Hyatt of Meyta borzoi in Michigan. Entries close Wed August 15, 2018.

Link to the premium is : <https://www.championdogevents.com/rocky-mtn-borzoi-club>

INPUT REQUESTED: Reported that board approved reviewing a proposal to include other titles in the Versatility Program. **Attached** Veni's proposal for member input. Thank you Veni for your diligence and leadership in this!

(Rationale: Some areas of the country have lots of performance events in concentrated areas, but other parts of the country there is little to no opportunity for borzoi to achieve these without significant burden of driving long distances to even attend one event let alone, enough to eventually earn the titles. She requests that BCOA consider taking the cue from AKC to consider adding some of the other fun "titles" the AKC now awards to be inclusive and give more borzoi and their owners a change to strive for rewarding and achievable goals. Some of the new titles are Trick dog, Barn Hunt, Farm Dog, etc...)

AKC Canine Ambassador Program- This is headed up by borzoi mom Susanne Cecere ceceresusanne@yahoo.com This would be a great way to showcase our breed to the public and a great opportunity for our pet owners to become more active with their borzoi and provide a benefit to the borzoi community. Please encourage your puppy owners to look into this!

BCOA MEETING and MINUTES Provided a link to most recent minutes for BCOA Board reports and Standing Committee Reports at these links:

<http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/minutes/index.html> Face to Face board meeting minutes not on website yet.

Reported I was not in attendance at the Face to Face meeting in May since it was the week of the National. I do know the BCOA Mentor Criteria was not finalized as was planned.

Reported that Henri Goldner of Echoesna Borzoi was selected by the BCOA membership to judge at the 2020 National Specialty in Albuquerque New Mexico and Barbara

Lord was also selected to judge the 2020 BCOA National Puppy and Veteran Sweepstakes! Congratulations to both of these dedicated borzoi breeders!

Looking toward the FUTURE: Region 3 will be up for hosting the 2022 National Specialty! Several show site locations are being explored by Region 3 members. This is great news! Not all Regions have this amount of enthusiasm and willing workers to host a National. No matter what, I know the Region 3 Show will be awesome!

Lastly, I thanked everyone who supported the 2018 National Specialty in any way be it trophy sponsorships, entries at any of the events, working on a committee, or just being a positive presence for others to benefit from.

Region 6 (Joyce Katona)

I welcomed our newest regional member Brenda Bruinekool.

I congratulated regional members Ginger Jones and Susan Motisi for attaining Life Membership in BCOA.

I sent information including the phone number and reminded members to reserve their rooms for the 2019 National in Gettysburg, PA.

I reminded members that BCOA now requires all puppies to be microchipped to compete in the Futurity classes.

I included some highlights of the last BCOA Board meeting as well as the annual membership meeting held on May 25, 2018.

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- Listed our nominees for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards and stated that since AKC rarely selects one of our people we were honoring them ourselves by awarding them with a silver borzoi pin donated to BCOA by the Ozeki family.
- Identified our AKC Sportsmanship award winner as Prudence Hlatky.
- BCOA will be continuing to provide new title rosettes at the National.
- A Nosework event will be offered at the 2019 National Specialty.
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- Mentioned the two motions from the floor at the general membership meeting and indicated whether they passed or failed.

I provided updated information on the 2021 National in Region 6. I stated that the BCGO members have decided not to make a proposal and that a group of us is working on creating a proposal to return to Sawmill Creek and Resort in Huron, OH.

I asked for members to contact me if they are interested in working on or chairing a committee in 2021 since we are in the very early stages of planning and many spots are in need of volunteers.

Region 4 (Lorrie Scott)

My regional updates via email:

- Hosting of BCOA 2020 specialty in Albuquerque, NM at Marriott. Received positive feedback from members. Solicited helpers. Not too early to start planning
- Updates regarding the changes to Standing Rules.
- Had some members ask about the Mentor program and where the committee is at since the presentation regarding the program was not given at the national due to member's family emergency.
- BCOA Holter monitor program – The information regarding this program and the link were included in both my updates.

- Also mention advertising in the *Aristocrat*. Great value, supports the club and is available to be seen by anyone not just BCOA members.
- Asked members to read the minutes once they are published as a means to stay connected to BCOA.
- Borzoi Club of California celebrated its 70th Anniversary July 5-8th with independent specialty, designated specialty and 2 TSE shows. The club started was back in 1948. It was well-attended. The trophies were spectacular, and the B-B-Q luncheon was delicious. Unfortunately, the weather was most uncooperative with record-setting heat first two days. There was plenty of shade, and exhibitors, their dogs, and the judge all sat around enjoying the afternoon after the Thursday independent show. Congratulations to the members who put on a wonderful group of events.

Region 5 (Karen Ackerman)

Per Ron Williams request, I emailed his letter regarding the NBRF proposals and the BCOA release of the BTTBR \$16,084.77 distribution funds to NBRF to the membership of Region 5. To date I have had no comments.

Furthermore, I emailed Region 5 a thank you for all of their efforts “above and beyond” in making our 2018 National Specialty a success.

In the interim, I have researched information for a new BCOA Region 5 club that is in their formative stages. Named after the native name for Mt. Hood, WY’ East Borzoi Club, will be holding their “kick off” meeting Wednesday, August 15, 2018. At this time, they will work on a constitution and by-laws, elect officers, and schedule events. Their membership will come primarily from the Willamette Valley of Oregon and their initial focus will be on performance events evolving at a later date to conformation.

Last weekend my local coursing club put on two days of AKC lure coursing in Billings, MT, a wonderful Region 5 location. We had one borzoi member from Region 5 attend. In September and in conjunction with RMBC we will hold two days of AKC lure coursing in Cheyenne, WY, another great Region 5 site.

Again, thanks for your patience!

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