

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Awards – Nancy Katsarelas

No report received

BTRC – Barbara O'Neill

A meeting was held of the BTRC on October 22, 2009. The committee gave formal approval to the May 14, 2009 minutes and they are published on the Secretary's Page of the BCOA website. Although many policies have been established, one of the biggest challenges is defining the Emergency Fund Policy. The committee has started that process with the goal of having an established policy by the end of the year.

Club Inventory & Medals – Barbara O'Neill

The TSE medallions have been received and the sending of TSE medallions is current.

Futurity – Barbara O'Neill

The 2010 Futurity currently has 31 new Bitch nominations and 25 new Litter nominations. There are 20 litters and 71 puppies that are eligible to forward from the 2009 Futurity. There is currently \$2,225.00 in the 2010 account. Futurity judge selection will begin at the close of the 2010 Futurity, November 18.

Health – Ginger Jones

BORZOI HEALTH SURVEY:

The total number of participants in our OFA Borzoi health survey has increased significantly over the last quarter. As of this writing, we have 700 entries, an increase of 200 dogs in one quarter. However, the order of disease significance has not changed. Cancer is still the most prevalent disease by far – 21.8% with Osteosarcoma the most common of the cancer types. Gastrointestinal and Orthopedic disease follow as a tied second at 7.4% affected and heart disease at 6% affected follows closely as the 3rd/4th most common ailment. I believe that more people are becoming aware of the on line survey and realize, once they submit a dog, how quickly the survey is to take. Hopefully this good publicity will continue to be spread throughout our community and our response rates will continue to improve.

CERF INFORMATION:

CERF no longer offers "memberships". They now provide quarterly reports to those who request them. I've submitted a request to receive quarterly reports on a regular basis and inquired if there is a cost associated with the reports – currently awaiting a response for this.

In addition, CERF now has a CD format of their publication "*Ocular Disorders Presumed To Be Inherited In Purebred Dogs*" – publication of 2009 that can be purchased. This was last published in hard copy in 1999 so it might be well worth the money invested to purchase this edition. Since the book (CD) is copy righted, we would not be able to publish it in it's entirety to our website, but I would be happy to review, condense and rewrite sections that would be of value to the borzoi community based on the inherited diseases and request RLynn Shell to load to our Health web site if the board agrees and approves the funds. The order form with the cost is included with this report for your analysis.

CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION CONFERENCE AND RESEARCH:

I just returned Sunday night (Oct 25th) from the weekend Canine Health Foundation Parent Club Conference in St. Louis. The conference speakers and information, as always, was extremely well presented, new discoveries unveiled, and next steps organized and presented. The conference sessions will be provided to me in downloadable form via email link and we will be able to load these to our health website. The primary focus of the conference was Cancer studies and associated Oncology with additional speakers covering Mitral Valve Disease, Spinal Nerve Diseases, Nutrition and Canine Herpes Virus. Once again, they reviewed the Oak grants (costs associated exceeding \$12,890 and 2 to 3 year projects) and the Acorn grants (costs associated \$12,890 or less and less than 2 years) and asked for all participants at the conference to try to support additional grants still needing funding. Of the list of grants requesting parent club support, I find the following 3 to be in particular interest to advancing the health of borzoi even though the grants are not borzoi breed specific, they will undoubtedly help the breed in many ways.

1.) *Expression of Vascular Endothelial markers in Canine Hemangiosarcoma and their use in Diagnostic Cytology Using Immunocytochemistry* - grant #01355 - Dr Kimberly Webber - University of Illinois

The goal is to be able to find cellular markers using fine needle aspiration that can diagnose the difference between hemangiosarcoma and other forms of cancer versus the current invasive method of surgery. The total grant amount is only \$5,285.52 and they are asking for support in the amount of \$500.

2.) *Specificity and Sensitivity of the Pancreatic Lipase Immunoreactivity (SPEC cPL) Test for the Diagnosis of Canine Pancreatitis* - grant #01227 - Dr. Stanley L. Marks - U of C Davis

I see that pancreatitis is becoming more and more common in borzoi and in all breeds of dogs. This research is for a much improved testing method that works in conjunction with SPEC cPL to diagnose pancreatitis - the current test methods are problematic. The total grant request amount is only \$11,531 - I was hoping that we might be able to contribute \$1000 from our health committee funds to support this study.

3.) *Detection of DNA damage in response to cooling storage in canine spermatozoa using single-cell gel electrophoresis (comet assay)* - grant #01241 - Dr. Cristina Gobello - National University of La Plata - total grant amount is only \$8,402 and they are asking for \$500 sponsorship.

Study hopes to identify the actual storage life of cooled sperm and develop a better extender to improve the sperm life and improved conception rate.

This obviously helps all breeds of dogs, and in the case of borzoi, there seems to be a increased use of stored semen with the inclusion of so many foreign dogs in our pedigrees as well as exportation of semen to foreign countries.

Please advise if we can afford to support all three of these studies for a total funding amount of \$2000.

2010 NATIONAL HEALTH EVENTS:

I have confirmed that Dr. Riepe will be available and has agreed to do our heart clinic in Kentucky on Thursday. I am trying to get Dr. Kathryn Graves to provide our seminar and possibly a CERF clinic as well on Wednesday. She is the CHF researcher for grant 299A - Exploration of a Single Nucleotide Polymorphism in the GALK1 Gene as a Potential Marker for Juvenile Cataracts in the Boston Terrier. She is currently practicing at University of Kentucky.

CERF MEMBERSHIP – see attached correspondence

JUDGES EDUCATION - Patti Neale

No report submitted

NATIONAL SPECIALTY GUIDELINES – Barbara O'Neill

National Show Committee and Guidelines

The National Specialty Policies and Guidelines are up to date. The AKC is allowing the splitting the 12-18 mo. Class into two classes - 12-15 mo. & 15-18 mo., effective for the 2011 National. In addition, the AKC is allowing the downloading of premium list and only sending a hard copy on request. I will need a vote by the Board to allow this for the National.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY – Barbara O'Neill

2010 National Specialty – Ft. Mitchell, KY – May 16-22, 2010

A lure coursing judge has withdrawn and Holly Hamilton will be taking the place of Jan Swayze-Curry on the field judge panel. As soon as contract is received from Ms. Hamilton, the AKC application will be submitted. ASFA approval has been received. The Masterson Station Park, Lexington, KY has been contracted for field events, May 16 & 17. The show committee chairs have submitted information for publication in the upcoming Aristocrat: Ads for Trophy Donation, Catalog Advertising, Costume Contest, Obedience Workshop, Art Gallery Night, Specialty Sales, Derby Hat Contest and Member Education Seminar. Specialty Sales and Vendor Form has sent to R. Lynn for the Specialty website.

2011 National Specialty – Lawrence, KS – April 3-9, 2011

Judge contracts have been received from Mike Ferris (ASFA), Kim Bork (ASFA & AKC), & Rick Garvin (Obedience/Rally). Nancy Sedlacek has accepted the Junior Showmanship assignment and Rita Rice has accepted the AKC Lure Trial. I am waiting for the return of both contracts.

RESCUE – Dee Jones

Finalized updates to the on-line in-home visit list. Plan to remind people about updating their information again after the first of 2010.

Assisted NBRF in finalizing their application for the AKC Rescue Grant that I located earlier this year, by drafting the BCOA letter of recommendation.

Rescue is prepared to sponsor the Costume Contest and Companion Class at Nationals in KY. The theme for the Costume Contest will be *My Old Kentucky Home*, anything relevant to KY heritage or history will do.

BR-NC – Nancy Joeckel Reporting: Current quarter for BR-NC (July - present)

Three dogs in rescue:

Yuri - needed extensive dentals, has gone to his new forever home
Tallie - currently in rescue, will be spayed this week and placed next week
Natasha - currently in rescue, will be spayed this week

One dog in our referral program, Vecholi, placed this week

We've assisted several other dogs that were changing homes, providing a home check, our application, etc., even though they were not in our referral program.

NBRF – Carol Backers Reporting

To date this year NBRF has rescued 20 Borzoi with the most recent being two Borzoi rescued due to a domestic violence situation

Borzoi Rescue S CA – Lorrie Scott reporting

No dogs in rescue at this time.

STANDARDIZED TROPHIES – Barbara O'Neill

The issue of engraving plates for the challenge trophies is still pending. They are now behind for 2008 and 2009.

Shipping issues: to be discussed

ROM Approvals – Barbara Ewing

Applications have been received for the following dogs, who qualify for the ROM with the designations shown:

Sires:

Ch Soyara's Titan of Blackmoor JC ROM-C
Ch Amberwind's On The Wild Side ROM-C

Dam:

Ch Soyara's Chantilly Lace JC ROM-C

I was asked to include the publication of new titles in the Borzoi Connection as proof of title. I think this should be an acceptable proof.

2010 Yearbook

The 2010 Yearbook advertising flyer and pedigree form has been prepared, sent to the Aristocrat for publication and to R.Lynn for the BCOA website.

Ways and Means (rain gear) – Barbara Skinner

Attached report