

BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.



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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT 02/18/12 – 05/07/12

- 02/18/12 Received a request from Dr. Gerard Penta, Director of the ADSJ Advanced Institute, thanking us for our support of their program and asking for a contribution in order to reduce the registration fee to the registrants who benefit from the judges' educational experience.
- 02/22/12 Received a request from Dr. Marsha Huff-Mollica, frankmollica@comcast.net, for Breeders in the Ohio area. Sent.
- 02/22/12 In response to a notice from AKC, an updated BCOA officer information list was sent.
- 02/25/12 Received a request from Joan Smith, joan505316@yahoo.com, asking for breeders in New Mexico. Sent.
- 02/27/12 Received a request from David Thomas, davidkthomaskc@gmail.com, asking for information on specific breeders. Since these individuals were not members of BCOA he was referred to the secretary of the Potomac valley Borzoi Club.
- 02/27/12 Received a notice that the Borzoi Club of New England has changed their specialty Date to October 20, 2012.
- 02/27/12 Received a request from Juliet Rigtrup for a Borzoi Club of California Specialty to be held on Friday, July 27, 2012, at Ryan Park in Lompoc, California. Conformation Judge: Robert Frost. Sweepstakes Judge: Kristina Terra. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Juliet. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for the calendars.
- 02/28/12 A letter was sent to a member regarding a complaint from Tamara Stockton.
- 02/29/12 A letter was sent to Shen Smith concerning the Beverly Taylor Trust and asking that she attend our next face-to-face Board Meeting following the conclusion of Sweepstakes judging at the BCOA National in Washington to discuss Sharon Sakamoto's letter regarding rescue.
- 02/30/12 Received information from Eukanuba regarding their new Event Center and inviting us to hold a future specialty at their site.
- 03/01/12 Received a copy of correspondence between Susan Kohut and Ginger Jones thanking BCOA for their \$3,000.00 pledge to the Morris Animal Foundation to be applied to a study, *Identifying Genetic Factors of Bone Cancer*.
- 03/03/12 Received a change of address from Kristina Terra to: 1824 6th Avenue W #2, Seattle, WA 98119, (206) 295-8498. Information sent to KC Artley & Barbara O'Neill.
- 03/05/12 Notified Jim Crowley that the on-line AKC Gazette information for our regional clubs is out of date. In addition to sending updated officer lists to me, AKC requires clubs to update their officer information in order to receive specialty approval.
- 03/05/12 Received a request from Lorene Connolly for a Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey

- Specialty to be held on Saturday, September 8, 2012, in conjunction with the Somerset Hills Kennel Club event at North Branch Park in Raritan, New Jersey. Conformation Judge: Christine Calcinary. Sweepstakes Judge: Dr. Ken Levison. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Lorene. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for the Calendars.
- 03/05/12 Received an updated officer and membership list for the Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey from Lorene Connolly.
- 03/05/12 Received a thank-you from Tammy Stockton for our help in resolving a problem with one of our members.
- 03/05/12 Received a complaint regarding a Borzoi breeder who is not a member of BCOA. Gave her advice on how to proceed.
- 03/06/12 Received a Position Statement for *Hounds for Heroes USA* from Garnett Thompson.
- 03/07/12 Sent a letter to Michael Liosis, Director of Club Relations at AKC, with our proposed By-Laws changes.
- 03/07/12 Received a reminder from Carmen Battaglia that I forwarded to Barbara Lord regarding the Junior Survey that is being conducted for juniors who were in competition as a junior handler prior to 2001 inviting them to participate in the survey.
- 03/09/12 Received a copy of the annual Registration Statistics for litters and dogs from AKC.
- 03/12/12 Received a second application for a Borzoi Club of California Specialty to be held on October 20, 2012. Notified Toby Brandtman that I had already sent approval to AKC on December 29th.
- 03/19/12 Received notice of an error in the calendar of BCOA events on the Club page from Irina Terra. Contacted R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock who made the correction.
- 03/20/12 Received a letter from a member who explained the circumstances of the complaint previously made against her. A reply was sent stating that her letter would be shared with the Board at our next meeting.
- 04/03/12 Received a Sweepstakes approval notice from AKC for the event scheduled for 06/10/12.
- 04/10/12 Received an expense check for Joy Windle from KC Artley that required my signature. The check was sent on to Joy.
- 04/12/12 Received a request from Tamsin Pickeral, writerscramp@hotmail.co.uk, asking for permission to use some words and phrases from our breed standard for the book she is writing for the Barrons Educational Series. I requested that she send us the portion on Borzoi for Board approval to ensure the description is accurate.
- 04/13/12 Received a copy of Ginger Jones' correspondence with Kathryn Simpson regarding CHF information for the Borzoi National.
- 04/17/12 Received a copy of Ginger Jones' correspondence with Kathryn Simpson at the Canine Health Foundation regarding participation in their 2013 calendar. She was informed that we currently have a Borzoi calendar fundraiser with the proceeds going to our CHF Donor Advised fund designated for Borzoi heart research.
- 04/17/12 Received a request from Lucia deCordre for a Potomac Valley Borzoi Club Specialty To be held October 27, 2012 in conjunction with the Middleburg Kennel Club. Conformation Judge: Gayle Bontecou. Sweepstakes Judge: Dora McDonald. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Lucia. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for the calendars.
- 04/18/12 Received notice from AKC that our proposed bylaw amendments are acceptable. Once our membership votes on the amendments we need to forward a copy of the ballot, a copy of the revised bylaws including the changes, the date of the vote, the percentage of total membership that voted and the breakdown of the vote (nays/ yays/abstentions, if any) to their office for their records. The notice was forwarded to the Board.

- 04/20/12 Received a letter from the Auburn College of Veterinary Medicine regarding an Osteosarcoma study that they are submitting to the Canine Health Foundation. They asked that I send this on to Ginger Jones.
- 04/21/12 Received a request from Le Hedstrom for an address of a member since an author-signed book that was sent to their address was returned by the post office. The request was forwarded to the member.
- 04/24/12 Received a thank-you from Robin Stachon for our support that helped her to compete in Junior Showmanship at Westminster.
- 04/23/12 Received a communication from AKC regarding their Meet the Breeds event to be held at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York on October 20 and 21, 2012 and asking for our participation.
- 04/24/12 Received the AKC Canine Health Foundation Annual Report that lists BCOA in their Honor Roll for our donation as well as listing us as a Millenium Founder for having donated more than \$25,000.00 over the years.
- 04/24/12 Received from R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock an email sent to her from David Frey regarding the script for Borzoi for the Westminster broadcast. Forwarded to the Board.
- 04/23/12 Received a request from Natalia Gouskove, natalie13@bellsouth.net, regarding specific breeders from Maryland. She was informed that they are not members of our Club and I did not know them.