

Committee Reports

Annual Versatility Award: Elizabeth Moon, Lyn Hoflin, Carol Enz, Karen Ackerman

The AKC is offering new conformation and obedience titles. Should the BCOA want to acknowledge these in their Annual Versatility Award, it could be set up as noted below.

Conformation Revisions

Grand Championship 25 points (.6x25) = 15

Bronze Enhancement 75 points (.2x75) = 15

Silver Enhancement 100 points (.15x100) = 15

Gold Enhancement 400 points (.075x 200) = 15

Platinum Enhancement 800 points (.0375 x 400) = 15

The maximum number a non-champion may receive would be 14 points.

Obedience Revisions

Beginning Novice 3 points (1x3) = 3

Graduate Novice 15 points (5x3) = 15

Graduate Open 15 points (5x3) = 15

Versatility 15 points (5x3) = 15

With the exception of Beginning Novice each leg would count for five points. The maximum number a non-champion may receive would be 14 points. For Beginning Novice each leg would count for one point and the maximum a non-champion could receive would be two points.

Utility Dog Excellent 2 40 points (2x20)= 40

Utility Dog Excellent 3 40 points (1.333x30)= 40

Utility Dog Excellent 4 40 points (1x40) = 40

Utility Dog Excellent 5 40 points (.8x50) = 40

And so on, as this continues each successive level requires more qualifying runs, the number of points for each qualifying run would decrease accordingly.

Obedience Master 40 points (.5x200)= 40

Obedience Master Levels 1-9 40 points (.5x200)= 40

Obedience Grand Master 40 points = 40

The maximum number a non champion could receive would be 39 points.

Annual Versatility Award Revisions Committee

SEE Recording Secretary Minutes for actions on this proposal.

Futurity Bronze Puppy Trophy: Joyce Katona

I have been in contact with Leslie Hutto and have received a photo of the puppy with minor corrections. She is very pleased to be able to work with the group of us in Orlando. She will finish the piece while there.

HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT

BORZOI HEALTH SURVEY AND TEST STATISTICS:

The total number of respondents in our OFA Borzoi health survey is now 920 participants, 2 dogs more than in my May report.

There are now 604 dogs listed in the open OFA DNA test database for Degenerative Myelopathy up from 572 dogs listed in my August report. 21% of the total dogs are indicated as other than normal (6 at risk, 119 carriers).

There are now 1047 dogs in the open OFA heart database up from my August report of 1018.

2% of the total dogs are indicated as other than normal (4 abnormal, 12 equivocal).

There are 728 dogs in the open OFA thyroid database up from 704 in my August report.

8% of the total dogs are indicated as other than normal (14 abnormal, 43 equivocal).

I received the 3rd quarter CHIC and OFA reports.

CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION & MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION GRANT RESEARCH:

Morris Animal Foundation – no updates as of this report.

I received the following email from Samantha Wright AKC/CHF Program Manager on October 18 regarding 2013 Oak grant approval (a pdf file of the grants list is included with this report):

Good afternoon,

I am excited to present you with the new 2013 OAK grants! We anticipate that these grants will begin no later than January 1, 2013. Investigators have been notified and grant agreements have been sent to the institutions for signature.

With the guidance of peer review and our Grant Committee, the Foundation's Board of Directors approved 17 new research grants that have been awarded to 13 unique research institutions and universities. These grants will provide better treatments, more accurate diagnosis, and deepen our understanding of the mechanisms that cause disease.

Please take a moment to review the attached grants and visit www.akcchf.org/2013oakwebinar to view a new webinar that describes how these grants will work together as stepping stones to create a path towards improving the health and well-being of the dogs we love so much. We are excited about the innovative science we have funded and where it will lead us on our path to discovery.

As the Club/Organization appointed Health Liaison or Report Recipient, you are receiving this announcement before our other constituents. You will also see announcements to donors, the media, and other officers of your clubs by both email and print mail during the week of October 22. If you are not the current Health Liaison please let me know so that I can update our records.

We hope your organization will consider sponsoring one or more of these grants or research program areas. Sponsorship from your club is critical for us to build on our success! I look forward to hearing from you!

Warm regards,

Samantha

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I will follow up with Samantha to get a status on the proposed borzoi heart research project Dr. Meurs had submitted and we included a recommendation for. The list of Oak grants includes two for heart research, both on Dilated Cardiomyopathy. One by Dr. Meurs continuing her Boxer research on genetic factors, the other by Dr. Sleeper on gene therapy treatment potential for DCM.

HEALTH FUND RAISING:

There are approximately 20 calendars still available for sale. Price has been reduced to offer shipping free. DVDs for the Holistic Medicine seminar and the Thyroid seminar are still available. All three are \$20 each.

ROM – HEALTH DESIGNATION

Any ROM dog that has test results data listed in the OFA database will have a hyperlink associated with the dogs' name that will redirect you to their OFA data. This hyperlink with unique text font will be reflected in the online list of ROM recipients. Barb Ewing has set up the hyperlink and has agreed to maintain this for future ROM recipients. I reviewed a sample file and found it to look and function exceptionally well. The health committee greatly appreciates her efforts on this project! **(See Recording Secretary Minutes for action on this proposal.)**

2013 NATIONALS CLINICS AND SEMINAR:

I'm still planning on the two health clinics at this year's nationals – thyroid and heart. I now have 3 qualified people to assist with the thyroid clinic and possible two more which will make this run quite efficiently. I will need to order more needles and sample tubes as I do not quite have enough supplies from our last thyroid clinic.

I have attempted to contact Dr. Paula Henthorn, PhD at the University of Pennsylvania and inquire if she would be willing to provide a seminar on her current research project that the BCOA is supporting: Molecular Basis of Tricuspid Valve Dysplasia. However, I have not had any success in receiving a response from her. I'm investigating some alternative topics and speakers and hope to have this finalized by Thanksgiving. I've spoken with Dr. Meg Sleeper (same Sleeper as indicated in the above Oak Grant report) regarding a cardiologist for our heart clinic. Unfortunately, she is scheduled for clinic duty that week and cannot support our dates but has provided me with a list of alternative cardiologists which I am in the process of following up with.

I also sent out an inquiry to the membership on our yahoo news list to see if people might be interested in trialing a product by Purina that is a probiotic powder supplement to support the immune system for dogs under stressful environments. I've had some success with the product and the sales representative at the last Parent Club Conference indicated they would be supportive of providing the product to people interested in participating in a trial for our national's event if there were enough dogs to make to provide a measurable statistical analysis. However, to date I've only received interest from 3 people which is still insufficient number to support a trial. I believe that the numbers he is looking for is more like 50 to 75 control dogs and the equal number of dogs on the supplement.

Judges Education: Patti Widick Neale

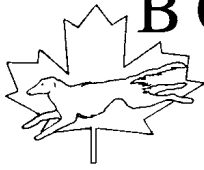
There have been no Judges Education events in this quarter.

We have a request (attached) from the Borzoi Canada, to use the material in our Visualization of the Borzoi Standard as the foundation for a document for education of Borzoi judges in Canada, ostensibly with changes to reflect the differences in the American and Canadian standards.

We allowed our Visualization to be used by the Japan Kennel Club a few years ago in a similar fashion, in a major book about the breed, so we have a precedent. I'd like to recommend that BCOA cooperate in this with our Borzoi Canada friends. We do need a credit page acknowledging the source of the base material, as it is my understanding that the bulk of it will BE our Visualization and intellectual property. I believe that the Board should approve the copy of the acknowledgment before publication.

I've discussed this in person with Judy Carleton and Cherie Hunchak in the company of several other BCOA members in August.

Considering how often we have Canadians adjudicating on our side of the Border, it in everyone's best interest that we help to teach breed type and build Borzoi appreciation for anyone who will be passing out points and majors.



BORZOI CANADA

September 20, 2012

Patti and Christopher Neale
11122 NW County Road 236
Alachua, Florida 32615

Dear Patti:

I am writing this letter of request, as per our brief discussion in August at the Calgary dog shows, regarding Borzoi Canada possibly being able to adopt the BCOA's Visualization of the Borzoi Standard. The topic of Judges education was on our AGM agenda this year, and it was felt that Canada's National Borzoi breed club - Borzoi Canada, having a relatively small membership base and resources, would benefit greatly from adopting this BCOA's Judges education tool as a means to educating our countries Borzoi judges.

You had instructed me to write to you, being the chairman of the BCOA Judges Education committee, and you would bring it up at your next club meeting, I believe.

So please consider this a formal request from Borzoi Canada to BCOA, asking permission to use your guide in our efforts to instruct judges here in Canada on the Borzoi breed.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Carleton
Secretary/Treasurer
Borzoi Canada
P.O. Box 248,
Blackfalds, Alberta
Canada. T0M 0J0
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National Specialty Committees

Futurity

The 2013 Futurity has 24 new Litter nominations, with a total of 33 litters to date, and an additional 5 bitch nomination. There is \$2,005 in the 2013 account. 2013 Futurity closes November 14, 2012. 2014 Futurity will begin November 15 and will close October 8, 2013.

National Show Committee and Guidelines

The National Specialty Policies and Guidelines are up-to-date. The 2015 National will be in Region 6 and possibly two areas may present a proposal at the 2013 Board meeting in Lancaster, PA. As a reminder to new Board Members: Proposals/bids for a National Specialty is presented to the Board for approval by a non-Board member at the National Specialty Board meeting two years in advance. If anyone is interested in reviewing the guidelines, let me know and I will send a copy.

2012 National Specialty – Richland, WA – May 20-26, 2012

The 2012 National Income/Expense has been reported to the Board and a profit of \$2,092.35 has been sent to the BCOA Treasurer, K.C. Artley. (See 2012 Income & Expenses Summary)

2013 National Specialty – Lancaster, PA – May 12-18, 2013

The AKC application has been sent in and everything has been approved. Joy Windle, Facility/Specialty Coordinator is keeping busy with the organizing of the event. The field committee has been busy working on the field premium lists. Deadline for premium inclusion is January 1. Please contact Joy at joyousgard@me.com and volunteer to become a part of the National. Remember, this is your National Specialty and even if you don't have a lot of time, there is always something you can contribute.

2014 National Specialty – Albuquerque, NM

A site visit and meeting with the Marriott Pyramid North hotel in Albuquerque was held on for September 7. A contract has been signed and the date of the 2014 National Specialty is April 5-13, 2014. Carol Enz, Facility/Specialty Coordinator, has some great ideas to make it a memorable Specialty and everyone should really enjoy the venue.

Club Inventory & Medals

The sending of TSE medallions is up-to-date.

Rescue: Dee Jones

BR-NC (Nancy Joeckel)

Borzoι Rescue – Northern California

Third Quarter 2012

Dogs in Rescue

All Borzoι placed through BR-NC Adoption are spayed/neutered, micro-chipped, heartworm/lyme tested, and current on all vet care before placement. Adoption Applications are required, references are checked, and home inspection visits are done.

Shanti 2012 — Shanti was given up to a Seattle veterinarian who neutered him then surrendered the dog to us. Shanti is three-four years old. He is other-dog aggressive though very, very sweet and cooperative with people. Shanti has been fully vetted and is available for adoption. Shanti remains in foster care while we search for an appropriate home for him.

Bella 2012 — Placed in August in an ideal home that will enable this girl to be all she can be.

Dogs in BR-NC's Referral Program

BR-NC's Referral Program gives owners/breeders access to excellent homes while they retain full control over all aspects of placing their dogs. In return, BR-NC receives a \$100 donation to help cover the expenses of the dogs we take into rescue.

Phoenix 2012 — Phoenix 2012 was removed from the Referral Program in August, when her owners decided to keep her permanently.

Ann 2012 — 4.5 month-old puppy Ann was placed in our Referral Program in late September. At this time she has several interested possible owners, and we believe she will go to a forever pet home very soon.

Ann is going with a health certificate, mandatory spay, and \$200 as a donation back to BR-NC.

Other Dogs Assisted

Elma, WA dogs — A WA breeder was able to step in and get six puppies (5 wks. old) plus one adult female off the Elma property. Two other puppies from the litter were kept by the Elma owner, and one puppy died several weeks after birth. At this time, all six puppies have gone to forever pet homes with Borzoι-experienced owners. The adult female is likely to be placed very soon. We continue to offer all help needed with this effort, as five intact Borzoι remain on the Elma property. - Jacqueline

NBRF: Liz Duncan-Burge

All Borzoi placed through the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation (NBRF) are spayed/neutered, micro-chipped, heartworm tested, and current on all vaccinations and vet care before placement. Adoption applications are required, references are checked, and home inspection visits are done.

NBRF has gotten a total of 37 borzoi in rescue to date for 2012 with four dogs being returned to, or claimed by, their breeders.

We currently have five dogs in foster care and three will be ready soon for their forever homes and will be posted on the NBRF website (www.nbrf.org).

NBRF is very disappointed with the response an owner recently got from a breeder when the owner was no longer able to care for her dog due to the owner's physical disabilities. Due to the breeder telling the owner that she would not take back the dog she bred and sold, it became NBRF's issue and this dog is now in rescue. It should be noted that while Beverly Taylor entrusted the BCOA to monitor and disburse funds for the care of Rescue Borzoi, when a breeder is known and is also a member of the BCOA, it is that breeder's responsibility to care for their dog and not that of NBRF or funds from The Beverly Taylor Trust. NBRF is currently working in conjunction with an animal control agency in the northeast and hopes to be getting 7 borzoi from an individual/animal control before winter. These dogs are all under 5 years of age, with several being under a year old, and have been neglected so are very shy and will need some tender loving care to bloom into all they can be.

NBRF also has one rescue pending in the midwest and should have that dog within the next week.

If you Facebook, please see NBRF's facebook page. A huge thank you to Barbara Michalick for taking on the daunting task of keeping that up to date and monitored for us!

NBRF encourages ALL breeders to permanently identify your dogs and any puppies you whelp by either micro-chipping and/or tattooing your dogs. Also remember that you must register the microchip so your dog can find it's way back to you!

NBRF is always looking for volunteers to foster a borzoi or help with transports. If you have room in your home and heart to help a rescue, and would like to be put on our foster and/or transport lists, please contact me at 618-214-0269 or zanozaborzoi@aol.com for information.

Remember - rescue concerns everyone and always, always hug your hounds!

Standing Rules Committee - KC Artley

The standing rules were updated 20 August 2012, after our last meeting. The file can be sent to any board member in either doc format or pdf format. If any changes are passed at this meeting, the standing rules will be updated again, before sending to the webmaster to upload on the BCOA website.

Lure Coursing: Tom Golcher**2012 AKC National Lure Coursing Championship**

September 8-9, 2012 – Romulus, NY

The AKC held the National Lure Coursing Championship on September 8-9-2012.

The event was held at Sampson State Park in the beautiful Finger Lakes region near Romulus, New York. For the two day event there were 220 dogs entered. Included in this number were: 35 Field Champions, 10 conformation champions, 28 Dual Champions (conformation and field champions) and 9 Grand Champions.

Saturday Top BCOA Borzoi

Open Stake

1st - ATLAS – AVALON SELENIUM VGER'S ATLAS @ RYHKA SC co-owner Sandra Moore

2nd - LOTUS – VALINORS CIRCUIT DE MONACO AT RIVER RUN SC owner Karla Smith DVM

3rd - DANIKA - CH JEDAWN'S PRINCESS AURORA SC FCH CGC co-owner Charlotte Hunt

Specials Stake

3rd - LUCY – FC JEDAWN'S SHOW GIRL SC GRC co-owner Dawn Hall

4th - CJ – FC AVALON WNS RISING SUN SC. Co-owner Sandra Moore

Sunday Top BCOA Borzoi

Open Stake

1st - ATLAS – AVALON SELENIUM VGER'S ATLAS @ RYHKA SC co-owner Sandra Moore

Specials Stake

1st - LUCY – FC JEDAWN'S SHOW GIRL SC GRC co-owner Dawn Hall

4th - CJ – FC AVALON WNS RISING SUN SC. Co-owner Sandra Moore

Borzoi Best of the Best

LUCY – FC JEDAWN'S SHOW GIRL SC GRC co-owner Dawn Hall

2012 NLCC Winner Pharaoh Hound Iko.

ASFA 2013 International Invitational

LKC, MGA, and TSSC are working hard on the 2013 II to be held April 13th and 14th in Muncie, Indiana (just a little north of Indianapolis). So be sure to mark your calendars and schedule vacation time as it is fast approaching. There will be additional information posted on the ASFA web site shortly. A Facebook page – 2013 ASFA II – has been set up to post information. The fields are very large with little to no sight lines. There will be electrical hookups for campers and many more amenities.

2013 ACoD

Mark your calendars! It's not too early to be thinking of the 2013 ACoD. It will be held in Denver, Colorado on March 23 & 24. Tom Golcher, BCOA ASFA Delegate will plan to attend.

No further action by AKC or the ASFA affecting the sport of lure coursing has been noted.

Borzoi ASFA Top 20

Starting January 1, 2012 For Events Processed Through Friday, June 29, 2012

ASFA Rank	BCOA Rank	Name	Owner(s)
1	1	FC C'LestialTecFirecracker Of Ryhka, SC,ORC	Diana Darling & Liz Green
2	2	Del Sol End of Reason WNS	Susan Van de Water
4	3	FC Zoiboyz Encore, SC	Tom Golcher & KC Thompson
5	4	Del Sol Phoebe, LCM2	Susan Van de Water
6	5	FC Jedawn's Show Girl, SC,SGRC	Dawn and Jeff Hall
7	6	FC C'LestialWild&Wonderful Of Ryhka, LCM2,LCX,SORC	Diana Darling & Liz Green
7	6	Rose Hill Swann At Zoiboyz, TT,SC	Tom Golcher & KC Thompson
9	8	Zoiboyz Eclipse Of The Heart, FCh	Tom Golcher & KC Thompson
11	9	DC Teine Zharkov Bramble Road To Faerie, FCh,GRC,SC	Dawn Ferris
12	10	Ch Avalon Afanasii Belozor Arcane, FCh,SC	Rebecca Neal & Sandra Moore
12	10	Avalon Oxota Ruidoso	Deb Meyer, Sandra Moore, & Josie Haumont
14	12	DC Gladkii Veter Secret Asset, FCh,SC	Roy Silguero
15	13	Tsarytsin Der Zorn Aus Khanrath, LCM	Ronnie Blackstock
15	13	DC Windsatin Phast On The Take, LCM,SC,GRC	Susan Van de Water
17	15	DC Windrift Tahoe Chances Are, SC	Jon & Nancy Reimer

17	15	Zoiboyz Durango, FCh	Tom Golcher & KC Thompson
17	15	DC Windrift Tahoe Chances Are, SC	Jon & Nancy Reimer
17	15	Zoiboyz Durango, FCh	Tom Golcher & KC Thompson
19	19	Mielikki-Mandolin Silent Night, FCh,GRC	Renee McCartin
19	20	FC C'LestialSouthernXenonLightsRyh, FCh,ORC,SC	Diana Darling

Borzois AKC TopDogssm Bowen System
Starting January 1, 2012 For Events Processed Through Friday, October 5, 2012

AKC Rank	BCOA Rank	Name	Owner(s)	Points
2	1	DC Oxota Avalon Tanforan O Starswift SC	Jamie Bobrowski & Leo Abordo	36
3	2	FC C'Lestial Starlight Express @ Ryhka SC	Diana Darling & Liz Green	26
4	3	FC Zoiboyz Eclipse Of The Heart SC	Tom Golcher and KC Thompson	25
5	4	FC C'Lestial Wild & Wonderful Of Ryhka MC LCX	Diana Darling & Liz Green	23
6	5	DC Teine - Katz Sun Glacier SC	Kitty and jimmy Sawyer	22
7	6	FC Rose Hill Swann At Zoiboyz SC	Tom Golcher and KC Thompson	21
8	7	FC C'Lestial Tec Firecracker Of Ryhka SC	Diana Darling & Liz Green	21
9	8	GCH DC Jeawn's Princess Aurora SC NA	Charlotte Hunt	29
10	9	FC Avalon Oxota Cinquedeas SC	Sandra Moore	20
11	10	FC Gryffyn's Aeyrie Here For You SC	R Lynn Shell and V Whitlock	19
11	10	FC Zoiboyz Encore SC	Tom Golcher and KC Thompson	19
13	12	FC Zoiboyz Enchanted Isle SC	Melissa Pearce & Rebecca Peters-Campbell	18
14	13	GCH DC Horse And Hound Bretagne At Scheremetjew SC	Karin Johnson	17
15	14	Jubilee Millionairess At Val-Thor SC	Betty de La Rosa and Cindi Gredys	16
16	15	CH Gryffyn's Aeyrie Incendio SC	R Lynn Shell and V Whitlock	15
16	15	Tovaritch's Evarest SC	Marcella Zobel	15
18	17	Jubilee Oil Baron At Val-Thor SC	Betty de la Rosa & Cindi Gredys	14
18	18	DC Teine Rainbow Glacier SC	Anne Midgarden & Sherri Peak	13
20	18	Aruzia Bright Moon Over Tahoe SC	Lorri & John Scott	12

Registry of Merit: Barb Ewing

BCOA Register of Merit Applications have been received for the following Borzoi, who qualify for the ROM with the designation shown:

DAMS:

Lythe Mississippi Mermaid ROM-
Ch. Svora's String of Pearls Chat ROM

SIRES:

Ch Sunburst Huntsman at Mechta ROMX-C
Ch Rajalinjan Halis, SC ROM

Meet the Breed, Orlando 2012: Christopher Neale

- The BCOA booth is definitely on the list of booths as per conversation with Karen Mays.
- Tammy Smith is constructing background props. I need to get her some money to cover the cost of materials.
- Patti Neale has been working on her cart for the Russian sleigh ride. She assures me that it will be ready.
- The mock wolf-hunt has some labor problems that I'm working on.
- My Napoleonic costume had to be canceled due to extreme cost! Perhaps some of our members in the Theater Arts could help. As of now, I'm planning on something Edwardian. Any of our members are invited to attend in costume.
- I've requested any of last year's material from Jane Schrieber. Logistics to be worked out.
- Questions:
 - Do we have a BCOA flag?
 - Do I have an official budget?

Patti and I will be judging in Long Beach the week before, so I plan on stashing props at an Orlando location (providing I have any friends left in Orlando). I'll need extra grooming space for Patti's sleigh dogs. Those two are going on a conditioning program so we will have excellent representatives. Any suggestions or help from the Board would be greatly appreciated.

***Aristocrat*: Joy Windle**

Options

1. Continue as an on-line magazine with no changes
2. Continue as an on-line magazine with additional revenue-generating advertising.
3. Continue as an on-line magazine with additional revenue-generating advertising and editorial content.
4. Publish a quarterly print magazine `a la SDCA's *Claymore*. Copies will be available at NM meeting.

Bid:

1. Production (pre-flight submitted InDesign files for print readiness, correct as needed): \$200
2. Alternate production (we do layout and composition): \$12 per page
3. Printing, 450 quantity, 64pp plus cover, 16 interior color pages, color covers, incl. mailing services: \$2915

Postage and shipping are not included in the above estimates. The estimate is based on using 70# gloss text for the interior, and 80# gloss cover. If InDesign files are supplied, they should be packaged, with links and fonts. Embedded graphics should not be used. If item 2 is selected, we prefer Word documents, and jpg or tif photos. Ads may be in jpg, tif or PDF format.

I hope these costs are acceptable to your Board; we would very much enjoy working with your Club.

Mark Mougel

Bear Associates

The *Claymore* is published six times each year and operates at a small profit. Current advertising rates:

Black & white pages: \$50

Color pages: \$110

Back cover: \$130

Inside covers: \$110

Ads requiring page design & set-up and/or scanning of photos:

Black & white pages: \$65

Color pages: \$125

Back cover: \$150

Inside covers: \$125

Subscription is included with SDCA dues (\$45/55 per year)

Subscriptions for non-members:

USA \$40 (+\$20 for optional first class)

Canada \$62 (includes first class)

Australia \$95 (includes airmail)

New Zealand \$100 (includes airmail)

I propose that we add a question to the annual dues mailing, asking members to voice their opinion regarding the kind of club newsletter they prefer.