

Standing Committee Reports

Summer 2016

Annual Awards (Nancy G Katsarelas)

Same vendor is waiting for next Spring's award time.

They did send me a note saying "Thank You BCOA for continued business with Cushions Trophies of Lansing, Michigan."

We have become one of their business family!

Breed Welfare Report (Dee Jones)

Costume Contest: The theme of the Costume Contest for 2017 Nationals will be *The Russian Hunt – Days of the Czar*. Start working on your costumes. I think there could be some fabulous entries.

Placement Assistance: Just a reminder to members, we now have a program in place to assist in advertising dogs who need a new home. Details can be found on the club website.

BR-NC – Nancy Joeckel Reporting:

Dogs in Rescue

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

We had no dogs in Rescue during the first and second quarter of 2016.

Dogs in BR-NC's Referral Program

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

During the first half of 2016, one breeder has used our Referral Program to place several puppies and young adults in pet homes. To save time for us as well as the breeder, only two of these dogs were posted to our Website. Those responding were encouraged to speak with the breeder about the other dogs she planned to place. This process has led to excellent matches between available dogs and prospective owners over the past two quarters.

Several other breeders are in conversation with us but have not yet listed their dogs.

We have had a very quiet first half for 2016. We are grateful for this hiatus. As always, we continue to provide support for any existing owners who may have questions or concerns, as well as to help with home checks and other rescue-related information.

Championship Medals (Chris Danker)

Thru May, there have been a total of 48 Borzoi completed their championships. Of these, 35 first owners are BCOA members.

35 medals have been/will be sent out to these owners. Waiting for a new batch of medals to arrive, at which time I will complete sending these out.

Health Committee (Nancy Hopkins)

Holter Proposal Update:

To address the board concern regarding the steep deposit proposed within the original Holter proposal, I propose that we put the money aside from the Holter rentals to form an escrow fund equal to the replacement cost for a Holter monitor, vest, and accessories. This will protect the club and eliminate the need for both an expensive deposit and expensive postal insurance. I also propose to add \$10 to the "Shared Results" Rental fees so that shipping can be included. This will give us the following rental cost breakdown:

Holter rental without sharing results - first dog	\$70.00	Rental of Holter package for 1 dog for 1 week - includes shipping to the borrower.
Additional dogs - same rental period, same owner	\$60.00	Rental of Holter package for each additional dog with the same owner, with one mail-out
Holter rental with shared results, including heart health updates	\$40.00	Rental of Holter package for 1 dog for 1 week, includes shipping to the borrower.
Additional dogs with shared results - same rental period, same owner	\$30.00	Rental of Holter package for each additional dog with the same owner, with one mail-out.

I also propose that we open a search for a Holter Committee of three individuals who would work on the final drafts of the Holter Rental Agreements/paperwork, and oversee Holter rentals.

OFA Statistics Update:

as of December 2015 the OFA reports that out of 1657 submitted borzoi cardiac exams 95.23% were normal. I want to highlight the number of borzoi cardiac exams that have been done. A quick look at the OFA Cardiac statistics shows that of the breeds with at least 50 examinations, only 19 breeds have higher cardiac exam numbers. Many of these breeds are far more numerous than borzoi. This shows a considerable dedication by breeders to borzoi heart health. The next highest number of exams is the Thyroid with 1209 tests with 78.42% normal. With the Thyroid test there is a significant number of equivocal tests: 14.89%. These numbers also demonstrate the dedication of breeders due to the expense of this screening test. The number of borzoi testing as At Risk for DM has been slowly decreasing. Thank you to each and every one who has been testing and breeding to assure that no borzoi will ever have to suffer from this horrible disease again. OFA only offers statistics for their new Eye Registry in this publication. Unfortunately, they are not including the CERF data. But from 2012 until December 2015, 98.38% of the tests submitted were normal. Breeders are taking full advantage of what OFA has to offer. 98.07% of borzoi hip x-ray submissions were normal, 88.75% of borzoi dentition submissions had complete dentition, 97.5% of borzoi elbow screenings were normal, and all 16 borzoi patella screening results were normal.

The second quarterly report shows that we have 15 new borzois with CHIC numbers. An additional 14 borzois have had their CHIC status updated. Congratulation to the breeders and owners of these dogs. These statistics and quarterly report are attached.

KIT (Edna Ogata)

Activities:

- February 23 Get well to Lena Tamboer
- March 20 Birthday card to M. Endicott
- March 23 Birthday card to L. Bond
- March 26 Birthday card to D. Constant
- April 8 Get well to C. Narierowski
- Birthday card to K. Kostishack
- April 12 Birthday card to L. Cooper
- April 27 Birthday card to G. Hinkle
- May 20 Birthday card to R. Barger
- June 28 Received thank you from L. Cooper

Legislative Liaison (Rita Rice)

The most critical news of the quarter is the finalized regulation on the Animal Welfare Act, the USDA administered law that regulates “pet stores,” and has now been expanded to cover Internet based sales and other transactions. There is no substantive change to earlier regulations, and according to the USDA, these regulations are now being enforced.

First: “Does it impact me?”

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_welfare/2013/retail_pets_checklist.pdf

PLEASE pass on to the membership that as of 2016, the AWA still hasn’t answered questions about how the new ruling may impact breeders who also participate in rescue. Based on my reading of the new rules, I strongly recommend that breeders who participate in rescue work within the framework of an existing 501c3 rescue organization, maintain records of rescue activities separate from breeding activities, and make sure that any payment for fees/expenses go directly to the rescue organization, with reimbursement obtained by the breeder from the organization and not the adoptive home. I’m not an attorney and strongly recommend that breeders read the entire rule closely and seek advice or clarification from APHIS or an attorney specializing in dog law.

Additional details, and the USDA Q&A responses, can be seen here:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/downloads/retail-pet-store-guidance.pdf

The primary USDA site can be found here:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalwelfare/SA_AWA

Commercial Animal Dealers

Individuals or businesses who sell or offer to sell or transport or offer for transportation, in commerce, warm-blooded animals for use in research, exhibition, or as pets must be licensed as a dealer. In addition, individuals or businesses who buy, sell, offer to buy or sell, or transport or offer to transport, in commerce, warm-blooded animals to or from another dealer or exhibitor must be licensed as a dealer. A Class A license is issued to dealers who sell animals that are bred and raised at their facility in a closed or stable colony. A Class B license is issued to other dealers whose business includes the purchase and/or resale of warm-blooded animals. Examples of dealers include commercial dog-breeding facilities, animal brokers, and operators of auction sales.

There are exemptions to the dealer licensing requirements. In summary, the exemptions include but are not limited to, retail pet stores, breeders with four or fewer breeding females of dogs, cats, and/or small exotic or wild mammals, sales of less than 25 dogs or cats per year to research facilities, purchases and sales of animals used only for the purposes of food or fiber (including fur), and any person who buys animals solely for his or her own use or enjoyment.

The AWA “Blue Book” that contains the entire ruling may be found here:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/downloads/Animal%20Care%20Blue%20Book%20-%202013%20-%20FINAL.pdf

Specialty-Related (Barbara O’Neill)

Futurity

The 2017 Futurity opened on October 13 and will end November 16, 2016. There are 36 new Bitch nominations with 27 new Litter nominations. We have 12 Litters eligible to forward to 2017 from 2016. There was a profit of \$475.78 from 2016 sent to treasurer on 5/10/16. Currently there is \$1,665 in the 2017 Futurity account.

National Specialty Guidelines

Guidelines are currently up-to-date. Region 5, with Carol Enz as Show Chairman, will be up next for 2018 with Region 1 up for 2019. Carol will be reporting on the 2018 site visit and specialty plans.

2016 National Specialty – Lawrence, Kansas

Many thanks to the team in Kansas for putting on a great profitable specialty event with the hotel construction being a hindrance. The hotel staff did their best to accommodate us and everyone had a great time. An Income/Expense report has been sent to our key committee members as well as the BCOA Board. Once again, my thanks to everyone for another great specialty.

2017 National Specialty – Hunt Valley, Maryland

Roy Silguero & Curtis Judd, Facility Coordinators, are in the process of firming up show committee and plans. A presentation was given in Lawrence on the hotel and plans for the event. In Lawrence, Rita made arrangements for a POD to store then transport specialty equipment & trophies to the next specialty location. This will make it so much easier for us to keep an inventory of our assets.

AKC approval for the show has been received as well as ASFA & AKC approval for the field events. We will once again offer the Power Paws Competition, a field event stamina challenge. A teleconference with key committee members is being scheduled, hopefully before the Board meeting so that I can add to report.

Club Inventory & Medals

The sending of TSE medallions is up-to-date. TSE & Futurity medallions as well as Championship medals have been ordered from Creative Casting. Eight Veteran Sweepstakes bronze heads have been ordered from Garry Newton.

2018 National Specialty

Red Lion Hotel Richland Hanford House - Richland, Washington

Show Chair: Carol Enz, Co-Chair: Barbara O'Neill and Facility Coordinator: Jan Leikam made a site visit on June 29 & 30, 2016 where we signed the contract for the dates of May 19, 2018 through May 26, 2018.

The Red Lion Richland was very excited about having our National Specialty back at their hotel.

Room Rates:

- Standard room \$104.00 single/double
- Standard room \$109.00 triple/quad
- Premium room \$114 single/double
- Premium room \$119.00 triple/quad
- Suite \$149.00
- \$50.00 non-refundable pet cleaning fee
- Limit 4 dogs per room

This committee requests approval of the following judges in order of preference listed:

AKC Lure Coursing

- 1) Barbara Ewing #7282
- 2) Roger Katona #56691
- 3) Sandy Simmons-Gamble #18118
- 4) Beth Levine #76829

Junior Showmanship

- 1) Stacy Davis #5441
- 2) Christopher Abraham #6942
- 3) Helen Brettell #24769

Obedience & Rally

- 1) James D. Thomspn #2720
- 2) Mary Jane Shervais #6096
- 3) Donald Rennick #19134