

Standing Committee Reports Summer 2017

Annual Awards (Nancy Katsarela):

The Nationals are but a memory now but I have just finished with having two winners engraved plates redone/replaced/sent out. I have heard from one winner that they received their replacement engraved plate and should hear from the other person soon. One replacement was an error made by me (not including a couple titles), the other error seems to have been a typo error made by the trophy company.

On the topic of annual award trophies, I would like to mention that I think it would help if I were in direct contact with the winners and that would include having their up to date email address. Getting information often requires the president and myself trying to contact the winners using obsolete email addresses or those published in our membership booklet that are obsolete.

Now on the bright side. I have to say that I had a lot of help getting information this year. I wouldn't be able to get the awards done without Rebecca, Melissa Pierce, Barbara, Jan, and Leonore. Thank you all as well as a thank you to the wonderful people at Larry Cushions Trophies.

Archives: NTR

Aristocrat (Helen Lee):

Advertising varies (ad count). Some issues have been fantastic. The last issue had 2 or 3 I think; next issue will have at least 4. Ad support fluctuates from next to none to lots but it would always help for the governors to remind their people about advertising.

BTRC (Barbara O'Neill):

No activity from the BTRC committee. A fall meeting is planned. Four investment reports sent by Shem Smith.

Club Inventory & Medals (Barbara O'Neill):

Inventory up-to-date.

Futurity Account (Barbara O'Neill):

The 2018 Futurity currently has 24 new Bitch and 19 new Litter nominations. There are 71 puppies from 19 litters eligible to forward from 2017 to 2018. Currently there is \$1,475 in the 2018 Futurity account.

Health (Nancy Hopkins):

The second quarterly report from the Canine Health Information Center shows 9 borzois with updated CHIC numbers and 25 new borzoi with CHIC numbers (This report is attached). Thank you to all these dedicated owners and breeders for working so hard to screen their dogs and put the results on the open database at OFA! Remember, any dog with a CHIC number who wins Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, or Best in Triathlon will win \$200. And if your puppy wins Best Puppy in Futurity and both parents have CHIC numbers, you also win \$200. We have had winners from the Triathlon the last two years. I would love to have more winners at the National in Washington. You have committed your money to borzoi health, you deserve to get some money back!

The OFA report from the second quarter includes information on submissions from health screenings.

THYROID - There were 67 thyroid screenings done with 61 borzoi with normal thyroid values, 4 equivocal and 2 abnormal. That is 5.9% Equivocal and 2.9% abnormal in this small sample of borzoi.

CARDIAC - There are two types of cardiac screenings provided. The traditional OFA cardiac screening and the new Advanced Cardiac screening. I encourage borzoi enthusiasts to get Echocardiograms on their dogs and have the results reported to OFA through the Advanced Cardiac Database by the use of the more detailed ACA form. Auscultation is of limited use for many of the cardiac

diseases we see in our breed. Unfortunately, the ability to get Echoes can be difficult because of expense and availability, that makes the commitment shown through the ACA that much more impressive.

A total of 35 borzoi had either an OFA screening auscultation or Echocardiogram. Of these dogs, there was only one with an abnormal result. That is 2.8% abnormal. Of those 35 borzoi, 12 had Echocardiograms and of those, 6 also registered their Holter results with OFA. The people who have sent their Holter results to OFA are true trailblazers. The breed owes you a big "Thank You!"

DENTAL - 11 borzoi were entered into the Dental database with all having full dentition.

DM - 35 borzoi have now been entered into OFA's DM database with 31 normal and 4 carriers. That is 11.4% carriers in this quarter. Remember, this is a sub-sample of borzoi, no trends should be assumed or conclusions made based on this small sample.

EYE - 34 borzoi had their eyes screened. All were normal.

BAER HEARING - 1 borzoi with normal hearing.

Kudos to everyone who has made the financial and time commitment to doing these screenings! It is important to remember that these tests are screenings only. Any dog with an abnormal finding should be taken to a veterinary specialist to further examine the dog in a more detailed evaluation for a definitive diagnosis.

Health Research & Grants (Ginger Jones):

AKC Canine Health Foundation

Borzoi Club of America, Inc. Donor Advised Fund

Mid-Year 2017 Statement (12/31/2016-6/30/2017)

12/31/2016 Balance	\$42,976.82
Contributions	\$.00
PPCPP Contribution	\$599.33
Investment Earnings/(Losses)	\$1,270.45
MOU Grant Support	\$.00
Management Fees	\$.00
Research Support*	\$.00
6/30/2017 Balance	\$44,846.60

We hope to be spending all of that money on the proposal that we are coordinating with Kate Meurs and CHF at this time.

Nancy and I did hear from Kate and Samantha Wright (CHF Grants Administrator). From our conference call in the first quarter of the year, I followed up by providing her with the Holter rental programs that Nancy had coordinated a sample ECG form with all data completed for a dog of Nancy's. We asked her to review the form and our rental agreement program for participation in the research program and see if there were any additional criteria she needed to have included in the report and also if she was satisfied with Dr. Gelzer doing the compilation of the data and submitting it to her or if she preferred to receive non-compiled data directly from ALBA Medical. She was impressed with the data files we had provided and the Holter participant agreement and release forms that we had provided and just wanted to touch base with Dr. Gelzer to make sure they were not tripping over each other's research proposals. I believe that Dr. Gelzer's research is broader based than just the borzoi breed. Once these items are confirmed with Kate, then the next step will be for us to finalize the research proposal

documentation and review this with the board for their approval to proceed. If the research study proposal may be in the form of an MOU or depending on timing, it may be submitted to CHF for board approval and assisted funding under the Oak or Acorn grants review cycle.

Judges Education (Patti Widick Neale):

The National Specialty Judges Study Group drew three student judges of the eight who signed up; Carrie Chase, Norbert Dee, and Doug Broadfoot came for ringside mentoring two days, and another, Al Ferruggiano, who was ringside only one day, because of a weekend judging assignment, but attended the AKC lure trial. Ariel Duncan coordinated his field education with help from some of our long-time coursing experts.

The Dog Judges Association of America, DJAA, sponsored another Hound Institute in Houston in July. Borzoi were scheduled for Friday, 21 July. There were 28 student judges participating, some who were repeat attenders. Various local and visiting BCOA folks enthusiastically helped by providing dogs and handlers for the required hands-on workshop. The selection of dogs was good, since there were 40 Borzoi entered in the morning's supported entry at the dog show.

Judges in attendance:

Gary Andersen	John Booth
Francois Bernier	Lisa Costello
Alane Gomez	Jim Owens
Tracy Hite	Jerrold Roush
Robin Hug	Claudia Seaberg
Gloria Kerr	Inge Semenschin
David Kirkland	Marshall Sherman
Nancy Leising	Johnny Shoemaker
Louise Leone	Sheila Smith (3 rd time!)
Peggy Lloyd	Anna Tyler
Ann Meyer	Penny Whitaker
Claudia Miller	Bob Busby
Richard Nance	Linda Clark
Rick Gschwend	

AKC would like us to provide a list of mentors for judges to work with at events other than the National. Any revised requirements for the current mentors should include ethical guidelines, and once selected, some schooling on what is required by the AKC, the expectations of the student judge, and the paperwork involved.

Junior Showmen (Barbara Tyler Lord): NTR

Keeping in Touch (Edna Ogata):

April 14, 2017	Birthday card to K. Kosteshack
April 14, 2017	Birthday card to L. Cooper
April 14, 2017	Get well to G. Post
April 22, 2017	Birthday card to G. Hinkle
April 22, 2017	Sympathy card – B. Forry
April 24, 2017	Get well to L. Tamboer
April 24, 2017	Get well to A. San Paolo
April 24, 2017	Sympathy card – L. Carroll
April 24, 2017	Get well – F. Vogel
May 24, 2017	Birthday card – R. Barger
June 4, 2017	Birthday card – J. Clark
June 14, 2017	Get well – Priscilla White Linneker

National Specialty Guidelines (Barbara O'Neill/Carol Enz) Guidelines are currently up-to-date.

2017 National Specialty – Hunt Valley, Maryland

Once again, our National Specialty was a success. There were issues with the hotel that I am assuming were due to new management. Hopefully, issues were not obvious to attendees. A big thank you to the show committee for this success. Not all invoices have been received, but it looks like there was a modest profit of approximately \$7,000.

I have now retired as show chairman, leaving it in the capable hands of Carol Enz. I will be remaining as show secretary and am looking for an assistant/apprentice show secretary for future specialties. If any member is interested in learning the details, doesn't mind early mornings, loves going to the National, and is willing to learn all the AKC Rules & Regulations, please let me know. It's a very satisfying contribution to the BCOA.

Nominating Committee Report for 2018

The following have accepted nomination to the 2018 BCOA Board and are duly nominated:

President: Ron Williams

Vice President: Carol Enz

Corresponding Secretary: Karen Mays

Region 1 Governor: Charles Grabosky

Region 3 Governor: Shirley McFadden

Region 5 Governor: Karen Ackerman

Submitted by the 2018 Nominating Committee

Barbara O'Neill, Chair

K.C. Artley

Renee McCartin

Performance Medal (Leonore Abordo):

Thank you everyone for your support and patience as we work through several years' backlog to honor the accomplishments of our many talented and versatile borzoi and their dedicated member/owners.

I have received many notes of appreciation from the membership upon receipt of medals, both public and private. Some hounds are retired, or have passed over the rainbow bridge, and I share these happy trips down memory lane.

As with all efforts, there are many people working behind the scenes to assist in the work effort. I would like to thank Dawn Hall for providing a comprehensive list of borzoi that earned the LGRA GRC title for the past several years; this was invaluable and I greatly appreciate her assistance. I would like to thank Jan Leikam for prompt reimbursement of expenditures (cardstock and postage) incurred. I would like to thank Chris Danker for providing additional medals when requested.

- 2Q17 – all published in the first 2 issues of Aristocrat (Spring & Summer) have been mailed – 15 medals
- 2016 – COMPLETE – mailed 1Q17 (50 medals)
- 2015 – COMPLETE – mailed 2Q17 (32 medals)
- 2014 – COMPLETE – mailed 2Q17 (47 medals)
- 2013 – COMPLETE – mailed June/July 2017 (44 medals)

I invite any member/owner that believes they are missing a medal for an eligible hound/title for 2015, 2014, or 2013 to contact me with the necessary details for researching.

The backlog of research through 2009 is nearly complete. Current inventory of medals is over 200. Additional postcards will be re-ordered at the next available sale price; additional postage will be purchased when necessary. Approximately 75 performance and/or companion titles are awarded per calendar year. Approximately 50 per calendar year are eligible for a medal. Three members have contacted me asking not to receive additional medals.

Parameters for medal receipt, per BCOA Standing rules and clarifying discussions with Rebecca Peters-Campbell in January 2017:

- one medal per sport (ex: FC or FCh, but not both; one each for OB, Rally, Tracking, Agility).
- title must be listed as a ROM-eligible title <http://borzoiclubofamerica.org/pdf/BCOA-ROM.pdf> .

- As with BCOA rankings, first listed owner must be a BCOA Member as of date title was earned, and only first listed member/owner will receive a medal. Data source is BCOA membership roster, with dates checked against BCOA Board Minutes as necessary.
- Data listed in the BCOA Aristocrat will be primary data source, with sponsoring organization publicly available data being secondary (e.g., ASFA or LGRA website).
- When in doubt, err on the side of sending a medal.

Ready Borzoi (Veni Harlan): NTR

Registry of Merit (KC Artley):

Sire for a ROM-X:

GCH DC Ashtoria Irishbrooke Wild Hunt LeMans SC FCH GRC RA CGC - owner G. Ariel Duncan.

sire for a ROM-C:

GCH DC Windrift Tahoe Chances Are SC, FCH - owners Jon & Nancy Reimer.

dams for a ROM-C:

GCHS Morozova Sierra Sunrise At Rey JC - owner Kathleen Novotny

GCHB DC Jedawn's Princess Aurora MC CGC NA FCH - owner Leslie Walenta