

Committees

Autumn 2018

Gazette Columnist (Jon T. Steele) All of the columns have been sent to the Webmaster as of August to update the site to the most recent column. Checked site today 10/10/2018 not updated yet.

BTRC (Barbara O'Neill)

Nothing to report at this time as no investments are maturing. A meeting will be called in January for distribution discussion.

Breed Welfare (Dee Jones)

Breed Welfare intends to again offer a microchip clinic at the National in Gettysburg, PA, in May. The clinic will take place after Dogs show on Thursday. We are looking for someone who is willing to assist by doing chip placement. If you would be available and willing, please contact me at borzoi@bellsouth.net or Barbara O'Neill at sheyash@comcast.net.

Carol Backers has let me know that NBRF is still working on the legal situation regarding the Texas 8. The dogs are safe and cared for. All their veterinary needs have been met.

K.I.T. (Edna Ogata)

August 8, 2018 Birthday card – D. Kostishack

August 28, 2018 Birthday card – W. Reddick

Futurity (Barbara O'Neill)

The 2019 Futurity will close on November 14 with the 2020 Futurity opening November 15. The 2020 Futurity will close October 7, 2019. The 2019 account currently has \$1,820.00. There is a total of 30 Litter nominations for 2019. The 2019 Futurity will be the 30th Anniversary and the first year that all entries must have a microchip. The 2020 Futurity eligibility & nomination forms have been sent to R. Lynn for the website.

Health (Nancy Hopkins)

At the 2019 Gettysburg National Specialty we will have eye and cardiac clinics. Dr. Robert Peiffer DVM, PhD, DACVO of the Saint Francis Veterinary Center will be conducting and OFA eye clinic. BCOA Health will offer these eye exams to participants with borzoi for \$15 per dog. This price includes the OFA submission fee. Information on Dr. Peiffer is available at:

<http://www.saintfrancis.org/about/staff/robert-peiffer-dvm-phd-dacvo/>

Dr. Anna Gelzer PhD, Dr.med.vet, DECVIM-CA(C), DACVIM(C) of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, co-investigator of our Borzoi Arrhythmia Project, will examine hearts. She has agreed to include ECG's with the Doppler echocardiograms. This year, the auscultation will be included with the Doppler echocardiogram and ECG, but auscultations alone will not be available. This will provide Dr. Gelzer with the greatest opportunity to evaluate the greatest number of borzoi hearts in the most effective manner. While this is a departure from the usual heart clinic offering, it is important to remember that auscultations are valuable in young dogs to evaluate for congenital cardiac abnormalities. Doppler echocardiograms are the only way to reliably screen adult breeding borzoi for subclinical congenital abnormalities and adult-onset cardiac diseases. I am still negotiating cost with Dr. Gelzer at this time. Information on Dr. Gelzer is available at:

<https://www.vet.upenn.edu/people/faculty-clinician-search/ANNAGELZER>

Dr. Gelzer was not able to spend more than one day away from her duties to provide us with both the OFA cardiac exams and the seminar presentation to update us on the status of our Borzoi Arrhythmia Project. Because the current status of our project results are preliminary and incomplete at this time and

because the opportunity for her to evaluate the cream of the borzoi crop at the specialty will help to increase her understanding of our needs, we decided that the best course of action was to have Dr. Gelzer provide the OFA cardiac exams and release our Seminar evening to the club.

I would like to offer my deepest thanks to Renee McCartin for not only working so hard year after year to produce the Borzoi Health Fund Calendar but also for her most recent auction in support of Borzoi Health. Her auction gave BCOA Health \$1,436. This is in addition to her annual calendar fundraiser that has given Borzoi Health an average of \$1,500 each year. This is hard and often thankless work that she does year after year. In addition to increasing the coffers of Borzoi Health, her generous donation of time and money has provided members with the Holter Rental Program which made the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project possible. Please take the time to thank her for her efforts!

Lure Coursing (Sandra Moore-Doby)

This is something that needs to be taken care of so that we can have an ASFA trial at the national next year. Jan Leikam contacted me in September regarding BCOA still has not paid the ASFA dues which were due the end of May. Somehow it slipped through the cracks, but as I have not heard back, I am wondering if they have now been paid? As the ASFA delegate I am not allowed to pay those dues they must come from the club treasurer and with a club check. I had forwarded the information to Jan prior to their being due, then again I forwarded the information when the ASFA President contacted me and asked about our not having paid in late June. On the chance that they are not paid, here are links to the information online membership renewal (has instructions)

http://www.asfa.org/clubs/renewal_form.htm

pdf membership file if online is not what is wanted to be done

<http://www.asfa.org/forms/MEM%2003--Membership%20Update%20and%20Dues%20Renewal.pdf>

As the club is considered to "reside" where their delegate lives that would be Region 7. We are a member club, and our last ASFA trial was held at the 2017 BCOA National. We did not have an ASFA trial at the national in 2018. If I can be of any more assistance let me know, but the club delegate is specifically not allowed to fill out the forms above as you will see when you read them.

National Specialty (Barbara O'Neill)

Guidelines are in the process of being brought up-to-date and any changes will be distributed to website and current specialty committee members.

Inventory & Medals

Double Eagle medallions will need to be purchased for the 2019 National. Also, the gold-plated & pewter Russian Wolfhound Club of America to regional club specialty will need to ordered in January.

ROM (KC Artley)

Sire:

ROMX-C to GCH DC K-C Windsheer Stayin' Alive CD RN FCH ROMX-C
(change from a ROM-C).

Dams:

ROM to DC Baruschka's Krassiwaja SC.

ROM to CH Chihawk Stealing Home JC.

ROMX to DC Ashtoria Wild Hunt Mystery Unveiled SC, RN, FCH, SGRC
(change from a ROM)