



**BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**** A report is not required. Committee Chair to keep BCOA Board informed of activities as necessary.**

Annual Awards – Nancy Reimer **

Everyone seemed to like the 2004 Awards. Mr. Jilek has just returned the photos and has been paid so I think that the 2004 Awards are now done.

Annual Versatility Awards & Versatility Hall of Fame– Karen Ackerman **

Annual Versatility Awards:

At the beginning of 2005, the AKC recognized Rally Obedience. There are three titles:

Rally Novice A or B	RN (Rally Novice)
Rally Advance A or B	RA (Rally Advance)
Rally Excellent A or B	RE (Rally Excellent)

Each title requires earning three legs. I propose including the rally obedience under the obedience section as such:

RN:	15 points
RA:	15 points
RE:	15 points

Each leg would count for 5 points (5x3=15 points). The maximum number a non-champion may receive will be 14 points. Non-competitive titles such as RAE would not be eligible for any points.

BVLAA (Borzoi Versatility Lifetime Achievement Award):

Regarding the BVLAA guidelines and application, both are ready to be put on the website. Certificates are being made with an appropriate watermark designed and graciously donated by Karen Staudt-Cartabona.

Aristocrat – Maureen Bardwell **

No report received.

BCOA Website – Jennifer Beach-Buda **

No report received.

Club Archives & Historian Dick Blodgett, Jr **

Barbara Yoon and I have met to discuss transfer of the Archives from her care to mine. This is planned for later this year when the weather is cool.

The upcoming issue of the Borzoi Connection will reproduce with illustration an article from The Stock-keeper and Fanciers' Chronicle dated December, 26, 1890 titled A Wolf Hunt with Hounds and Borzois. I plan to submit early articles of Borzoi history for reproduction in each issue of the BC. My present source is three scrapbooks of early articles and when these are thoroughly mined-out, hopefully other articles will be made available from those in the fancy that would like to see the practice continued. My feeling is that by reproducing early articles dating from around the time the club was founded, the flavor of that time is made available without contemporary bias - and "you can decide".

Club Inventory and Medals – Chris Bradley

I received the TSE medallions from Tom Carroll and have mailed out the first two sets.

Conformation Championship Medals– Chris Danker

No report received

Constitution & By-Laws – Kathleen Kapaun

No report received

Futurity Event – Kathleen Kapaun **

No report received

2006 Futurity

The 2006 Futurity began October 27, 2004 and will end November 22, 2005. There are currently 26 new bitch nominations and 20 new litter nominations for the 2006 Futurity with 25 litters eligible to forward from the 2005 Futurity. The 2006 balance is \$1,560 to date.

Gazette Columnist – Jennifer Beach-Buda **

No report received.

Health Committee – Virginia Jones

A. 2006 Nationals status:

a. CLINICS:

Dr. Mike Murphy has offered his clinic to do OFA hip x-rays by appointment at his clinic for \$85 plus \$15 for sedation and the OFA registration fee of (TBD pending clinic rate from OFA if there is enough interest). He may also be able to supply us with a volunteer vet for the micro chip clinic.

Dr. Schirle is the eye specialist and Dr. Wood is the heart specialist. Both only require a 40 dog minimum which we should be able to meet. Dr. Wood can provide Doppler if there are at least 5 prepaid/registered for this. Barbara Binder is offering to do semen collection if there is enough interest as well. Request board approval to proceed with contracting for the above clinics. Please note that I most likely will not be able to attend the nationals in Washington State so I'm counting on Barbara Binder to handle/coordinate the clinics on site. I'll provide a written report to Barbara O' for the General Membership Meeting sometime prior to the Nationals and hopefully she will be willing to read it to the membership for me.

b. SEMINAR:

I would like to request a dinner seminar for the Washington specialty to be held on Wednesday evening if at all possible. Guest speaker is oncologist Dr. Carrie Meleo with topic being Osteosarcoma. The length of the seminar to be one and a half hours with question and answers immediately following. Price is \$200 per hour plus travel and meal expenses as well as our facility expense. Request board approval to proceed with contracting for the seminar speaker.

B. ANNUAL HEALTH AWARD:

I would like to make the following proposal as an annual award: The health committee would like to offer a \$100 cash award to the Best in Futurity Puppy if both the sire and dam have a current CHIC number. The health committee would like to offer a \$50 cash prize to both the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite sex awards if the winner has a current CHIC number.

C. CHF RESEARCH:

Request board direction on whether we should financially support the CHF cancer research study (see "correspondence" section). I'm not certain if there are sufficient funds in the health committee ledger to cover this project or if the board/membership would prefer to support other projects or donate more funds to our own Donor Advised Fund. Please advise as I need to respond to their inquiry either way.

D. CORRESPONDENCE:

[?] Received an email from Asa Mays forwarding the latest CHF news on funding a research project for malignant histiocytosis in the Bernese Mountain Dog. (See attached CHF news report.)

? Received a letter from the CHF for the upcoming Parent Club Health conference in October in St. Louis requesting registration application. A copy of the letter was sent to Karen Mays. I've called to register as the BCOA representative. They will confirm this with the president of the club, so Barb should have received a notice from the CHF by the time of this board meeting. There is a poster contest held in conjunction with this event with awards of \$500 to \$150 for the winner in each of the categories. I would love to submit a poster for the challenge – anyone interested in helping? I'd like to try to submit 2 posters – one for group A. Canine Health Education and Communication, and one for group B. Health Policies and Priorities.(see attachment entitled "BREED CLUB HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE:")

? Received the 2nd quarter CHIC report from Eddie Dzuik. (see attachment)

? Received request from CHF to support pending grant #591 In Vitro Effects of the Milk Thistle Extract Silibinin in Canine Tumor Cells, Principal Investigator: Douglas Thamm, VMD, DACVM; Colorado State University. The request is for \$2500 between now and June 30, 2006

Abstract overview: The study proposes to investigate the potential for the phytochemical silibinin from milk thistle to induce growth arrest and apoptosis, inhibit angiogenesis, and decrease tumor cell invasion in various tumor cells both by use in ongoing treatment of tumor-bearing dogs and evaluate use in vitro against a panel of canine tumor cell lines, including hemangiosarcoma, osteosarcoma and transitional cell carcinoma.

? Received the following forwarded email from Shen Smith regarding lapel pins:

Hi Shen,

My name is Frances with LapelPinz.com. We specialize in custom lapel Pins for organizations around the country. Many of our customers are trade,professional and non-profit associations.

I would like to offer our custom pin services to your organization.

Many of our association customers use pins for membership, special events and recognition. I will waive the \$60 setup fee and art charge for your order. We can use your existing logo or create a new design for you. Once you approve your pin design, we will process your order and have your pins to you in 3 to 4 weeks.

Please email me for more information and a quote. I would be happy to send you a brochure and sample lapel pin.

We look forward to working with you.

Thank you,

Frances

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? Sent request to RLynn Shell to update the Health website with the above seminar and clinic information for the 2006 Nationals. Also requested some hot link fixes – sites moved or discontinued.

E. SURVEY PROJECT:

I will be withdrawing my request for the BCOA Health Committee to conduct a breed health survey as this has become a project that the International Borzoi Council has decided to complete over the course of the next two years. Since they have already conducted one study previously, approximately 10 years ago, they are better equipped to pursue this avenue, have comparative data and can support it financially. With this in mind, a request was not sent to Sue McGorray to request the release of her survey form as a basis for our use in conducting a survey through BCOA. Please advise if you still want me to pursue obtaining a release from Sue and if so, what you want me to do with the documentation.

F. BORZOI DONOR ADVISED FUND:

Request concurrence from the board for me to submit the application to the CHF to begin pursuing our donor advised research project for heart disease. I believe that applications

for review consideration for the coming year are due prior to the first of March, but I'll confirm the exact date with the CHF.

Judges Education –Shen Smith, Patti Neale

In May, I traveled to Raleigh to present Borzoi at the AKC Sighthound Institute to about 40 potential Borzoi judges. Margaret Picone, Pat Lejman and Linda Lysher brought dogs and/or handled in the hands-on session.

There was no request from AKC for printed material in advance, as was done in the past, so I assumed that our material from the previous Institute was copied for the loose leaf book given to students. This was not the case, and the paper material on Borzoi was a couple of pages that appeared to be cobbled together from some slides in the original BCOA slide show from the early eighties. I have requested an attendance roster of the students, and will mail out our VS and study material to students that have not received them in the past at other events.

The next event scheduled for Judges Education will be in Indiana, Pennsylvania on Monday, August 15th at the American Dog Show Judges weeklong Advanced Institute. Borzoi are presented every other year, as the curriculum includes half a Group each summer. This is Sighthound year. I believe June Penta, the coordinator for the hands-on workshop, has asked Roy Silquero to recruit and provide dogs for the afternoon session.

It was time to reprint the Judges Study Materials booklet in June, so that I could ship them ahead of time to the ADSJ Institute. Office Depot no longer has a comb binder available for customers to use in the copier area, which I've been able to use for years and avoid the \$1.29 each charge for their bindery to do it. With 100 booklets, that was a large chunk of unrecoverable change. I purchased a home office quality binder/punch machine for BCOA, whose price will be more than recovered when applied against this job, and the next printing. It is also available for other BCOA projects, and I could ship it to the secretary or others upon request.

The Colorado Kennel Club has asked Amy Sorbie to do a judges' education presentation at the February show cluster in Denver. I will provide her with material and assistance for the event.

Patti Widick Neale
Judges' Education Coordinator

Keeping In Touch – Edna Ogata & Phyllis Brettell **

No report received.

Membership Committee – Edna Ogata **

No report received.

National Show Committee and Guidelines - Barbara O'Neill **

The National Specialty Policies and Guidelines are up to date.

2005 National Specialty - Barbara O'Neill

The 2005 Specialty in Mesquite, Texas, was very successful. The regional members worked very hard to insure that everyone had a great Texas experience. My hat is off to Joe Rogers, R. Lynn and Victor Whitlock, Billie Thibeaux, Richard and Margaret Lucia, Jackie Corsette, Richard Terry, Nancy Hopkins, Greg and Dee Jones, Veni Harlan, and so many others who did their part. Thank you so much.

2006 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

Jan Leikam, Facility/Specialty Coordinator, distributed a brochure at the Annual Awards Banquet which highlights the activities planned for 2006 National Specialty hosted by the Region 5 members at the Red Lion Hotel in Olympia, Washington. Information pertaining to the Specialty can be found on the BCOA website. Any information that deals with the sale of items will be found on www.borzoionline.com until we are notified of our IRS status.

2007 National Specialty – Barbara O’Neill

I just returned from a site visit of the Crown Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island, and was very impressed with the hotel and its management. The Region 1 National will be in the very capable hands with Rebecca Peters-Campbell and Colleen Thiboutot as Facility/Specialty Coordinators. A meeting was held with the Region 1 members to pass out and discuss the National Guidelines. I was very pleased with the turnout considering that there was a dog show at the same time and people traveled long distances. After a few changes are made to the contract, it will be signed.

Rescue Committee – Dr Maureen Bardwell

The BCOA Rescue Committee and the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation (NBRF) again cooperated in a silent auction for fundraising at the 2005 National Specialty. The two groups raised enough money so that each group was able to add over a \$1000 to their treasury's. I am grateful for all the generous donations of auction items and to all the bidders in the auction. I also am grateful for all the assistance offered by Carol Backers and Billie Thibeaux of the NBRF, and for the on-going assistance of Dedra & Greg Jones at the show. I am delighted that my new co-chair, Lorrie Scott from Borzoi Rescue of Southern CA, assisted at the show with our fundraising efforts and with the Companion Parade.

The Companion Parade was again a popular event at the 2005 specialty with approximately 20 participants. Each participant received a flower wreath of yellow roses or bluebells, a specialty medallion, and a "screaming monkey" dog toy. This has become a very special event at the national specialties, and we hope for a good entry at the 2006 specialty in Washington next year.

We are currently planning for a fall fundraiser. These monies, together with the money raised from donations with the dues and the donations at the national specialty, will again be divided among worthy non-profits who support Borzoi Rescue.

Standardized Trophies - Barbara O’Neill **

Criteria for challenge trophy donations is on the agenda for this meeting

Trophy Supported Entries – Jim Gibson

At the BCOA Board meeting in Mesquite, TX, I was asked by the Board to look into our Trophy Supported Entry (TSE) program. The goal of this project is to determine if the present program is adequate in the view of the membership, and, if not, propose changes that would enhance the events and make them more meaningful. Several issues have been brought up and diametrically opposed viewpoints have been expressed. Some of these issues are time and distance between, clustering, pre-approval/coordination/ approval process, sweepstakes required (yes/no), approval guidelines, and promotion of remote area TSEs. I am currently trying to define the issues and the options. Further, I believe that a brief opinion poll would be beneficial to the decision making process. I hope to have the "issues and options" paper completed before the fall Board meeting. Inputs are welcome from the Board, TSE Chairs, and the membership at large.

BCOA Sales – Carol Enz **

No report received.

Statistical Committees

Statistics are published in the Aristocrat.

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Agility – Gale Snoddy **

No report received.

Conformation – Christopher Neale **

No report received.

Junior Showmanship – Barbara Lord **

No report received

LGRA – Carol Enz **

No report received.

Lure Coursing – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock **

No report received.

NOTRA – Victor Whitlock **

No report received.

Obedience – Bonnie Nichols **

No report received

Open Field – Karen Ackerman **

2005 open field stats for both NACA and NOCFA were sent to Helen Lee for inclusion in the next issue of the BC.

Register of Merit – Barbara Ewing **

Applications have been received for the following dogs, who qualify for the ROM with the designations shown:

Sires:

Ch Zimistrajja Mozart Play for SV'shin JC ROM-C

Ch Blackmoor Echovesna Tristan ROM-C

Ch Maschas Raw Vanilla ROM

Dam:

Ch Keshari Celina II of Aldemoor ROM

I was disappointed when the new BCOA yearbook arrived; throughout the book are dogs listed with ROM titles, who are not eligible for the titles shown. One is the dog whose owner disputed the scoring system for the ROM which was discussed in my last report. One dam is listed in multiple pedigrees with a ROM title, but the title has never been applied for. The others are mostly the dogs who were included in the original ROM list, but whose titles were subsequently revoked by the Board because the owner failed to submit complete paperwork for the dogs. I will prepare a list of those pages that contain errors, and send it to Helen Lee so they can be included when page corrections are issued for the Yearbook. Perhaps the advertisers who abused the ROM program should be billed for the cost of printing and mailing the corrections.