



**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 **

Nothing to report at this time

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

No report received

Aristocrat – Maureen Bardwell **

No report received

BCOA Website – Jennifer Beach-Buda **

No report received

Club Archives & Historian Dick Blodgett, Jr **

More articles pertaining to Borzoi in 1890's Russia have been submitted to the Borzoi Connection for publication. Please feel free to provide me with feedback relative to your wishing to see more similar articles published in the BC. Thank you. Dick Blodgett at richardblodgettjr@comcast.net 1-860-535-2611.

Club Inventory and Medals – Chris Bradley

I assumed responsibility for the TSE Medallions in August of 2005. For calendar months August through December, the following activity has transpired:

TSEs by Month: # of TSEs:

August	2
September	2
October	4
November	5
December	1

TSEs by Region:

Region 1:	0
Region 2:	8
Region 3:	2
Region 4:	1
Region 5:	0
Region 6:	3

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 will end November 22, 2005 at which time judge selection will begin. There are currently 37 new bitch nominations and 30 new litter nominations for the 2006 Futurity. We have 25 litters eligible to forward from the 2005 Futurity. The 2006 balance is \$2,250 to date.

Gazette Columnist – Jennifer Beach-Buda **

No report received

Health Committee – Virginia Jones

A. 2006 Olympia Nationals status:

a. CLINICS:

- i. *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.*
- ii. *Dr. Schirle is the eye specialist scheduled for Thursday, **time TBD**.*
- iii. *Dr. Wood is the heart specialist scheduled for Friday, **time TBD**. Both require a 40 dog minimum. Dr. Wood can provide Doppler if there are at least 5 prepaid/registered for this. Prepaid cost: **TBD**.*
- iv. *Barbara Binder is offering to do semen collection if there is enough interest as well, however, I don't feel that this should be offered as a "health clinic, per se" as it really has no association with borzoi health.*
- v. *CERF & OFA heart clinic rates and AKC DNA clinic rates will be requested by month end (November). I'm still waiting for confirmation from Barbara Binder that we have a vet to do the micro chip implants before I request the CAR clinic rates.*
- vi. *A color flyer file was sent to Barbara Binder for her reference. Once we have the times and the balance of the information completed, the flyer can be updated. I would like to request to have it printed by someone in the area as shipping paper is unnecessarily expensive due to the weight. I provide enough copies to include in all hospitality bags, extras on the Health Committee table and enough to post around the hotel facility for easy access information as well as outside the clinic room and seminar room doors. Please advise who I can send the final file to for printing purposes. Attached is the draft for your review. (see color flyer attachment).*

b. SEMINAR:

*A dinner seminar is set up for Wednesday evening. The menu has been finalized. Topic is Osteosarcoma, but the speaker is still **TBD**.*

B. BCOA ANNUAL HEALTH AWARD:

To be awarded for the first time at the 2006 Washington Nationals if the winners meet the criteria noted below. I would like to make this first time award in memory of Dr. Asa Mays, well known for his support for health initiatives through the AKC/CHF & BCOA organizations.

Can someone from the board **please** make sure that this memorial award is listed in the catalog?

\$100 cash award to the Best in Futurity Puppy if both the sire and dam have a current CHIC number. \$50 cash prize to both the Best of Breed and Best of Opposite sex winner each if they have a current CHIC number.

C. CHF RESEARCH:

I received status reports from the CHF on 3 of the research projects we are currently helping to support financially.

- a. Grant #373 Mapping Genes associated with Osteosarcoma in Large Dog Breeds – first progress report, 6 month period of the first year of the 2 year study.
- b. Grant #2434 Recombinant Thyrotropin (TSH): Standard for the Next Generation of Canine TSH Immunoassays with Improved Sensitivity – 18 month period of the 2 year study.

- c. Grant # 305 Histocompatibility Alleles Conferring Susceptibility to Canine Diabetes, Immune-Mediated Thyroiditis and Immune-Mediated Hemolytic Anemia – 1st year period of the 2 year study. For this particular study, there has been a shortage of available samples from affected dogs. A 6 month extension for the project was requested. I contacted the CHF Research director, Erika Werne, to obtain approval to request participation publicly via internet news lists and publication in the BC. Approval was received and the request for participation was posted to the BORZOINEWS List and included in the Health Committee article for the upcoming BC. I would ask also of the board, that this information go out to each of our regional governors to provide to the members of their region. If members have ANY breed of dog affected with any one of these three diseases and are willing to participate in the study by providing a sample, please contact the researcher directly:

Dr. Wayne K. Potts, Professor of Biology at University of Utah. Phone: 801-585-9677 or by email at: potts@biology.utah.edu

D. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received correspondence from Shen Smith regarding the memorial donations to the Health Committee from Colleen Henling. A thank you card was sent to her in appreciation for her very generous memorial contributions.
- Received a confirmation letter and final schedule of events from the CHF for the upcoming Parent Club Health conference in October 21 thru 23 in St. Louis. I received a note from Maureen Bardwell that there were no photos of the Nationals Health Clinics available to use to make a poster for the contest and she and Helen Lee were not able to put together a poster for the contest. Hopefully, someone from the Nationals committees (do we have a person in charge of photographing the entire national's events for historical preservation?) will get a chance to photograph the clinics and seminar over the course of the next two years and we will have some photo materials to work with for the next conference held in 2007.
- Received the 3rd quarter CHIC report from Eddie Dzuik. (see attachment#1)
- CHF Awards Inaugural Asa Mays, DVM Research Award:
I received the award recipient information from Jeff Sossamon, Director of Development AKC/CHF. Please see Press Release attachment from the CHF
- I received information from Jeff Sossamon regarding the on-going research program studying the genetic bases of diseases that affect both dogs and humans. (see attachment #3)

E. 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 that is earmarked for heart disease. At this time, I would make the recommendation that the project scope be guided by the CHF. They will investigate who would be the appropriate research candidate, if there are other breed clubs we might partner up with financially to help bear the burden of the costs, etc. Application submissions are due the first of March, so I will need the board's approval at this time in order to begin the application process by the 2006 calendar year deadline. This does not mean that our project will begin in 2006 as it takes substantial time to go through the review and approval process with the AKC/CHF. This is merely the first step in the petition process.

F. Canine Health Foundation Parent Club Conference

- a. The biannual conference was held in St. Louis at the lovely Adams Mark Hotel the weekend of October 21 through the 23rd. The weekend was an absolute whirlwind of information and activities from sun up to sun down. The speakers provided in depth information on an extremely broad spectrum of topics. Some of the highlights of these topics were:
- i.* Developing & conducting a breed specific health survey
 - ii.* Establishing a robust web site
 - iii.* Fundraising alternatives
 - iv.* Understanding the genome (canine & human) mapping process

- v. Genome marker research for cancer
- vi. Stem cell research
- vii. Heart research – PDA & AS
- viii. Endocrinology studies
- ix. Behavior and Temperament evaluation
- x. Eye anomalies
- xi. Neurological disease studies
- xii. CHIC program opportunities
- xiii. PPCP opportunities

I had the opportunity to talk personally with several of the guest speakers and many of the participants. A common theme amongst all present was the sincere hunger for knowledge about dogs, their physiology, and diseases, how and why they occur and what opportunities there are to eliminate or treat them. The excitement amongst both participants and speakers over the accelerated strides happening in research as a direct result of genome mapping and genome marker chip evaluation tools was like electricity in the air! All of the speakers managed to take extremely complex subjects and explain them clearly and in a building block sequence so as to allow the next speaker to build upon the basics provided by the previous speaker. It was a perfect sequence of seminars. I learned about chromosomes, genes, markers, proteins, haplotypes, SNPs, alleles, recombination, the HapMap and how all of these fascinating things provide the foundation for most all of our human and canine research studies. I also learned that there were some breed clubs facing extremely serious or fatal health problems in their breeds and how their members had united to resolve them. I heard recorded sounds of various heart murmur anomalies and saw echo cardiograms associated with them. I saw how stem cell research can be used to create heart memory cells which grow and beat in a Petri dish and can be used to help repair and replace damaged tissue in a heart via injection sight placement. It was undoubtedly one of the most enjoyable, fascinating and enlightening weekends I've ever had the pleasure to experience. As a member of the Presidents council, Kay Henderson has generously offered to present an overview of the conference at the Nationals in Olympia. I think the timely presentation of these important materials is critical information to transfer to our membership and I would appreciate it if we can find a time slot to accommodate Kay's generous offer.

G. CANINE AWARD FOR HEALTH

See attached flyer.

We have an opportunity to realize this for our upcoming Nationals in Olympia if we get board approval to proceed and a decision on the criteria for submitting the candidates.

I would recommend the following criteria selection:

First - TOTAL LIST OF CHIC CERTIFIED BORZOI

Second - total list of these borzoi accomplishments, titles & ROMs with 1 point attributed to each title including all field titles, championship titles, top ten awards, agility obedience, LGRA and ROMs.

Once this is done, I think it will be extremely clear which dog or dogs should be recommended for the award. Please keep in mind that the total number of CHIC dogs in our database is relatively small.

Judges Education –Shen Smith, Patti Neale

Nothing to report at this time.

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. Guidelines have been sent to Michael McLain in reference to the Region 4, 2008 National Specialty.

2006 National Specialty – Barbara O’Neill

Plans are coming along for the Olympia, Washington, Specialty. Mr. Michael Canalizo who was contracted to judge the regular classes for 2006 has notified the BCOA that he has taken a position as an AKC Rep. and will not be able to judge our Specialty. The Recording Secretary has contacted the next judge in line, Mr. Espen Engh, Norway, and we have received a signed contract from him.

2007 National Specialty – Barbara O’Neill

The contract was signed with the Crown Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island, for April 21-28, 2007. In mid-September, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Facility Coordinator, sent an 2007 update with the tentative schedule and an invitation to all Region I members, asking for volunteer to help with the National.

The following judges names are being submitted for Board approval:

Obedience/Rally: James Ashton, Frank Washabaugh, Allison Jasiewicz, Tibby Chase, Ed. Whitney, Nancy Withers

Lure Coursing: Jeff Bedrick, Linda Garwacki, Jeff Lipps,

Junior Showmanship: Marsha Clamp, Jill Bregy, Grace Brewin.

Rescue Committee – Dr Maureen Bardwell

Since our last Board Meeting, we received news that the BCOA may receive a large sum of money from one of our member's estate. The money would be devoted to Borzoi Rescue. However, absolute assurance of the receipt of this money was not given and we are not sure of the actual amount. I also believe that the Board was asked to keep this confidential until any and all arrangements were finalized with the attorney who is handling the estate.

I am very dismayed to find that the request for confidentiality was not honored by one of our Board Members. I was told that news of this bequest was being discussed at one of the local shows in New England. I was also told that this news had also been told to the Chair of the NBRF.

Breach of confidentiality is worrisome under any circumstance; however, in this case, it may actually put a large number of Borzoi in jeopardy. The large rescue situation which we have been watching in California is to be back in court at the end of December. It is reported that these dogs may well be seized by their county shortly following the first of the year. People are asked to donate to many causes, especially in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. If members of the Borzoi Community think that the Club has a "million + dollars" earmarked for rescue, these same members will have no interest in donating to the club.

At present, the only money we have available is \$2500 (approximately) which was collected with dues payments and a silent auction at the national specialty. This is all the Club would have available at present to help over 100 Borzoi. I am exceptionally worried about how best to handle this situation.

I would ask all Board Members to encourage their constituents to donate to the Health and Rescue Committees. It is totally inappropriate to announce the very generous thoughts of Borzoi that Beverly Taylor had during her illness. The discussion we have at the beginning of each year about confidentiality is held for a reason.

Standardized Trophies - Barbara O’Neill **

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

Trophy Supported Entries – Jim Gibson

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 **

No report received

Register of Merit – Barbara Ewing **

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

Sire:

Ch Renaissance General Patton, CD, JC ROM

Dams:

Ch Zabava Winter Berry ROM-C

Ch Insight's Elbereth Githoniel ROM-C

I have posted to the internet lists the corrections to the ROM titles published in the BCOA 2005 Yearbook. Hopefully that will reach all of the subscribers who are not BCOA members. As a result I have been promised the unsubmitted applications.