



**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 **

Nothing to report at this time.

Aristocrat –**

No report received

BCOA Website – R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock **

No report received

Club Archives & Historian Dick Blodgett, Jr **

No report received

Club Inventory and Medals –

No report received.

Conformation Championship Medals– Chris Danker

Up to, and including, the November 2006 AKC Awards, 139 Borzoi have completed the requirements for their Championships in 2006. 87 of these dogs were owned by first-listed BCOA members and medals have been sent to them.

Constitution & By-Laws – Kathleen Kapaun

No report received

Futurity Event – Kathleen Kapaun **

No report received

2007 Futurity – Barbara O'Neill

The 2007 Futurity closed October 23 with 39 Bitch nominations and 27 Litter nominations to date. The entry forms for the 2008 Futurity has been sent to Lynn Whitlock for inclusion on the website. Judge selection has begun with judge nominations closing November 10. Final ballot deadline will be on December 29. I am in the process of finding a tabulator to use for the Futurity as professional tabulators are too expensive for approx. 30 ballots. The 2007 balance is currently \$2,105.00.

Gazette Columnist – Jon Steele **

No report received

Health – Ginger Jones

A. 2007 Rhode Island status:

[?] CLINICS & SEMINAR:

- a. Eye CERF – I obtained a more reasonable price from Dr. Greentree of \$25 per dog with 40 minimum number of dogs and Wednesday date availability. I plan to send a thank you note to Dr. Abrams for his offer, but that we will need to decline base on his cost of \$30 per dog and his availability date of Friday.

- b. OFA Heart - Dr. Stamoulis will be the heart specialist and the initial price quote I got from Colleen for auscultations was \$30 per dog with a maximum of no more than 70. Doppler done on a portable echo is \$170 per dog – no more than 30 dogs. I do not know what the minimum number of dogs required is yet. Will confirm this with Dr. Stamoulis by the end of this month.
- c. DNA Repository – I've contacted Eddie Dzuik regarding us holding a clinic for obtaining DNA samples for our CHIC repository. The price/cost for the kits (as listed on the website) are \$5 per dog, however, I believe that I will be able to obtain the kits from the OFA for \$2 each as a "clinic" rate. Since this will be our inaugural application/inclusion in the CHIC repository, I do not want to charge participants for this clinic. There is a significant amount of health information and pedigree information that needs to be completed and submitted with the 4 swabs and the DNA information can be used to support multiple health research projects for borzoi, so the benefit to the breed overall is significant enough that it would be in our best interest to cover the cost of this clinic for willing participants.
- d. MICROCHIP – As a service to our members, we will offer the microchip clinic this year and the days and times can vary depending on the show schedule of the implanting veterinarians. Since microchipping falls more in line with the BCOA rescue committee in assuring that dogs are returned to their owners and do not end up lost in shelters, I would like to transfer this clinic/responsibility to the BCOA rescue committee for all future Nationals events. We have approximately 50 chips left which will cover the 2007 Nationals requirements and I do not plan to order any additional microchips for future use. Please advise the rescue people of the health committee's plan to discontinue this service under our umbrella.
- e. SEMINAR – Dr. Bell will be providing the seminar on Pedigree analysis for health and conformation. The seminar will be on Wednesday evening and will include dinner for the price of \$30 and must be prepaid. The contract has been signed and confirmed with Dr. Bell. We will provide his dinner and travel expenses at the customary per mileage fee. I submitted an application request with the AKC/CHF for an educational grant in the amount of \$500 for this seminar since we will be opening the seminar to any interested individuals and advertising it publicly. I'm not positive they will provide us with the grant monies, but it was worth the investigation and effort.

BCOA ANNUAL HEALTH AWARD:

The health committee again would like to offer this award at the Nationals event. I would like to rename the award to "BCOASA MAYS HEALTH AWARD" and continue to offer it annually in Asa's memory for his dedication to health.

\$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. If we do have a recipient of any of these awards this year I would like to request that the awards are presented by Karen Mays if she would be so kind as to oblige.

FOLLOW UP REQUIRED:

- o **Ginger to provide Barbara O'Neill with a complete updated list of CHIC dogs listed in our CHIC database by April 15th - please confirm that this date is acceptable or advise if you need it earlier.**

OFA CHAMPIONS FOR HEALTH AWARD

The health committee's process/criteria used to determine eligible applicants for this award offered by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, is to provide a list of our CHIC borzoi to Karen Ackerman who manages the annual and lifetime versatility awards. She will provide me with the top 3 dogs with the highest achievement points. I will contact the owners of the dogs and requested a complete list of all accomplishments for all areas of accreditation and then submitted the applicants with the dogs list of accomplishments to OFA for the award. It is up to OFA to determine the noteworthiness of the applicant. If they deem that any of the dogs are worthy of the recognition, they will provide a memorial plaque or medallion to the recipient to be awarded at our Nationals awards banquet. The inquiry for applicants will be submitted to Karen Ackerman in January of 2007.

B. Canine Health Foundation

I received notification from the CHF that Howard Spey has now joined the board of directors of the Canine Health Foundation, so we have another borzoi representative on this distinguished organization's board.

RESEARCH:

I received the following new research grant proposals for consideration of our financial support:

- a. Pending Grant #759: Investigation of Antigenic Causes of Vaccine-Associated Allergic Reactions in Dogs, Dr. George Moore; Purdue University – Funding of \$43,624 approved for a 2 year study. Requested contribution for support of this study is \$1000
- b. Pending Grant #779: Characterization of the Canine Y Chromosome: Identifying Genes that Cause Male Infertility, Dr. William J. Murphy; Texas A&M University. Funding of \$203,344 approved for a 2 year study. Requested contribution for support of this study is \$1000.
- c. Pending Grant #774; Identifying a Gene for Atrial Fibrillation in Irish Wolfhounds, Dr. Petra Jakobs; Oregon Health Science University. Funding of \$97,200 approved for a 2 year study. Requested contribution for support of this study is \$2500

While all three of these research grant proposals certainly have merit and are worthy of our financial support, I believe that we should focus our financial support on the last of these proposals – Grant #774. This research, although undertaken on only the Irish Wolfhound breed, has a strong association with our own Donor Advised Fund heart research objective. After reading the following abstract, I'm sure you will see the significance this grant will have in correlation with our hopeful future borzoi heart research:

LAY ABSTRACT – PENDING GRANT#774

The overall goal of our work is to identify the gene that causes canine genetic cardiomyopathy. Rapid progress in the canine genome project, i.e., obtaining the DNA sequence, has made gene mapping possible. We study a large family of Irish Wolfhounds with heart disease, that usually involves both Atrial fibrillation (AF) and Dilated Cardiomyopathy (DCM). We identified a region on canine chromosome 23 that causes AF/DCM in the Irish Wolfhounds. We propose to screen candidate genes in the linked area for mutations to identify the gene causing this devastating heart disease in the Irish Wolfhounds. Once a mutation has been found, a genetic test will be developed to aid carrier detection.

If there is sufficient funding in the health committee account, I would like to request that the board approve the expenditure of the \$2500 towards this pending grant. The paper work does not indicate the number of payments this contribution can be divided into at this time, but it does not all need to be paid at one time in one lump sum and payment methods can be coordinated with the AKC CHF research & education director. If there is not sufficient funding in the health committee account, I would request that we submit all or part of the payment from our current borzoi donor advised fund which now totals \$16,266. Please advise and I will complete my portion of the required CHF forms and confidentiality agreements and submit them to Barbara O' for her signature and additional information.

C. CORROSPONDENCE :

- Received the 3rd quarter CHIC report from Eddie Dzuik. (see attachment#1)
- Received information from Jayce Scott, CHF, that board of directors approved \$1.1 million dollars in new CHF Research Grants.
- Received information from Jayce Scott, CHF, that the AKC/CHF is hosting the "2007 PHI BETA CANINE CRUISE TO BENEFIT AKC CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION" – aboard the Carnival Cruise Line's Legend the week of February 20-28, from Port Everglades to Panama, Costa Rica, and Belize. Seminars from top researchers in the Genomics world will be provided daily aboard the ship covering the latest in genetics of the dog and their relationship to dogs diagnosed with cancer. I would like to request that in lieu of me asking for the money from the health committee account to attend these wonderful seminars on board the cruise ship, we instead donate the money to the CHF for Pending Grant #774 on AF & DCM. ☺
- Received information from Jayce Scott, CHF, that Stuart F. Eckmann is the new treasurer of the AKC/CHF board replacing the recently deceased treasurer, Robert L. Kelley.
- Received information from Jayce Scott, CHF, that Howard M. Spey, M.D. was named to the board of directors of the CHF.
- Received information from Jayce Scott, CHF, that a Genetic Test for Primary Hyperparathyroidism in the Keeshond has been established through Dr. Richard E. Goldstein's research efforts to locate the gene marker.

CHIC NUMBERS ISSUED OR UPDATED: 3RD QTR 2006

Animal	Date	New / Update	Owner
GREYHAVEN DARK SIDE OF THE MOON	8/11/2006	UPDATE	MARILYN M. POLSFUSS
GREYHAVEN STALKING MOON	8/11/2006	UPDATE	MARILYN M. POLSFUSS
RISING STAR CONQUISTADOR	9/27/2006	UPDATE	PAUL J. & DIANE SPOHN
COBURN'S MATRIX	9/8/2006	UPDATE	KRISTY ANN-CUTBURTH PATRICIA M. SHAW
WINDRIFT BELIEVE IN MAGIC	7/13/2006	UPDATE	JONATHAN & NANCY REIMER
WINDRIFT BOUND FOR GLORY	7/13/2006	UPDATE	JONATHAN & NANCY REIMER
WINDRIFT CHIHAWK NYMPHET	7/13/2006	UPDATE	JONATHAN & NANCY REIMER
K-C'S TALL DRINK OF WATER	7/13/2006	UPDATE	KASEY A. NELSON
KIROV WINDRIFT FIRE & RAIN	7/13/2006	UPDATE	JONATHAN & NANCY REIMER
AVALON QUEEN AND FAITH	8/11/2006	NEW	NADINE & VADIM POLYAKOV
VALESKA SAILOR RIPLEY	8/11/2006	NEW	YVONNE & REY MCGEHEE
PERCHOTIN'S IVOR	8/11/2006	NEW	ZOBEL HANCOCK BROLIN
KRESTOVSKAJA ANASTACIA	9/27/2006	NEW	WILLIAM D. NEILL
RISING STAR DIPauls BRIGADOON	9/27/2006	NEW	PAUL J. & DIANE SPOHN
RISING STAR DIPauls GIGI	9/27/2006	NEW	PAUL J. & DIANE SPOHN

Judges Education –Shen Smith, Patti Neale

In 2006...

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

The National Specialty Judges Study Group in Portland was attended by just a few prospective judges, with three of them likely to actually apply for Borzoi in the next couple of years.

At the end of June The Oklahoma City show cluster held an all-hound set of seminars over 4 days, and requested the parent club send a speaker. Borzoi had been very well covered around the country in the previous 12 months with the AKC sighthound institute in May, ADSJ's bi-annual sighthound set in August, the National JSG in Texas, and I could not justify the expense of going to Oklahoma for the small number of people likely to attend. Rachel Rehberg was going as a student to the event, and agreed to do the presentation. She spent a day at our house going through the powerpoint program in preparation, and covered Borzoi at the event.

These kennel club organized cram-twentyfive-breeds-into-three-or-four-days events are going to become more common as the AKC has discontinued much of the formal Judges Education, the in-ring observation program, and has placed restrictions on ringside mentoring. The time slots are generally no more than 90 minutes, and frequently only 60 minutes. It is totally inadequate for any real learning or retention, but we (BCOA) will be expected to participate. It is very frustrating,

The next Borzoi seminar on the calendar will be in Louisville in March, as part of SCJA's Hound Institute, followed by the JSG at the National in April and ADSJ in August again.

Submitted by Patti Widick Neale

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. I have not received any inquiry for guidelines for the 2009 Region 2 National Specialty.

2007 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

Rebecca and Colleen, Facility Coordinators, are hard at work pulling together all the many aspects of the specialty. We are 6 months out and time is fleeting. Fred Vogel has been busy initiating fund raising

projects. I'm told a 2007 calendar with high quality old Borzoi prints on each month, suitable for framing, is just wonderful. There are some additional expenses for an outdoor show and we will need Board approval. I have asked Colleen to put together her wish list with rental rates for the Board to review before I sign a contract and submit 50% deposit with the tenting people.

2008 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

I have received signed contracts from all the invited judges: Al Crume, Christie Beetz, Michael Babilacqua, Wyatt Delfino, and Cathy Dutra.

Rescue Committee – Lorrie Scott

No report received

Standardized Trophies - Barbara O'Neill **

Shen will report at this meeting on insurance coverage.

Trophy Supported Entries – Jim Gibson

No report received.

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.

BVLAA 2006 – Karen Ackerman **

Nothing to report at this time.

Conformation – Christopher Neale **

No report received.

Junior Showmanship – Barbara Lord **

With the help of the folks at the American Kennel Club, I have been able to put together a list of all the children that handle Borzoi while competing at AKC events in the junior showmanship classes.

I have contacted some of these children, and prior to contacting the balance of those on the list; would like to ask that the board please consider the following:

- ❑ I request that the BCOA board consider allowing these 12+ juniors to join the Borzoi Club of America with the completion of a junior membership application submitted to Edna Ogata. I would also appreciate the board directing Edna to mail me a copy of each new junior application ASAP after receipt so I can have them for my junior records.
- ❑ I request that the BCOA board consider waiving the application fee for junior members to encourage these children to join our National club. I leave it up to the board as to whether their future membership dues are waived, or if they are required to pay the \$10 fee in the years to follow until each junior reaches 18 years of age.
- ❑ In addition, I request that the BCOA board allow the points earned in junior competition by each new junior member, (while handling Borzoi in the calendar year of the date they join our club), to be grandfathered in to allow them to compete and be considered for the top junior handler award offered by the Borzoi Club of America for the year they become new members.

With your approval, I would like to send each of these youngsters a letter and a BCOA membership application, offering them to join free of charge as junior members. I will explain that while they will have no voting privileges, they will be allowed to compete for the 2006 BCOA Top Junior Award and will be informed of upcoming BCOA events. I will also advise their families that they are welcome to apply for a family membership, in addition to, or separate from their child's membership.

I would also like to inform them that once they turn 18 years of age, with BCOA member endorsements, they will then be eligible to apply for an adult membership with the Borzoi Club of America, which once approved, will allow them full member privileges.

My reasoning for all of this is to encourage these children to 'join the fold'. I believe it would be to the benefit of our club, and most especially our breed, to invite these children, and in turn their families into our club. This will allow each junior the opportunity to develop relationships with fellow Borzoi handlers. In addition, and most importantly, it will provide these juniors and their parent's access to a group of people who can mentor them in all aspects of our beautiful breed.

As I have stated in the past, children are the future of our breed, and it is my belief that by encouraging these children to join our ranks now, it will only have a positive effect on our breed's future.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your timely response.

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 **

Nothing to report at this time.

Register of Merit – Barbara Ewing **

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

Sires:

Ch. Pagerr Cerlain Cavalier ROMC
Ch. Astafiev Majenkir Makhayl ROMC

Dams:

Majenkir Bella Tannishka ROMC
Ch Brinson Pagerr Alisa ROMC
Ch. Soyara's Misleading Lady Esar ROMC

It has been suggested by a member that the Rally Obedience point scores be re-evaluated and increased back to their previous levels. Personally I still believe that Rally Obedience titles are easier to achieve than regular obedience titles and should remain at their current levels. If the board would like additional input on this I will try to get it from the membership.