

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Annual Awards**

Nancy Katsarelas

A slight mix up occurred recently regarding the Top Obedience award plaque recipient for 2007. The owner of the top dog declined the award from a Regional club, but somehow it was considered as declining the plaque from BCOA. The owner, June Mintchell, has been waiting for her plaque and questions the length of time it has taken for her to get her framed award.

BCOA award chair changeover to a new person helped the confusion.

The plaque maker, Metal Works, has been notified that information is on the way so that an award plaque can be made.

June Mintchell has sent a picture, with correct name and titles. To date it appears that this matter has been taken care to everyone's satisfaction. June has declined to receive the plaque at the 2009 Nationals, preferring it to be sent directly to her home address.

The award, with a picture, has already been published in the Borzoi Connection-Fall issue 2008.

It appears that no further action needs to be taken by the Committee at this time.

Update to report

Due to an increase of the cost of each plaque and because BCOA gets a slight discount for our mass order, it is best to hold up June Mintchells award plaque order until we order 2008 plaques. June agreed to wait just a little bit longer for her plaque, thus saving the club some extra money.

June also sent me a picture that Mr. Jilek (the plaque maker) found unacceptable. There are specific requirements for the picture even if it is to be on the plaque in black and white. Waiting will be good for June as she can somehow get a better picture of her dog.

Correspondence with the plaque maker and Nancy Reimer has made me aware that the biggest problem with these awards is the recipients. They want their plaques but can't be bothered sending in their pictures on time. It sounds like Nancy Reimer was constantly making telephone calls to remind those awarded to please get her their pictures. It takes a little effort on their part to get pictures for the plaque to the award chairman when asked.

### **Futurity – Joyce Katona**

Barbara O'Neill and I have discussed the 2009 Futurity. We have decided on a few extra special things for this year since it is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event. The budget relies on the number of entries which fluctuates year to year. The nine trophies have been ordered and they are currently being produced.

### **Futurity – Barbara O'Neill**

The 2009 Futurity currently has 42 new Bitch nominations with 37 new Litter Nominations. The upcoming Futurity will be the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and several special things are being considered to commemorate the date. Judges selection will begin before the end of the month. There is currently \$3,020.00 in the 2009 Futurity account.

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### **Championship awards**

No report at this time. Chris Danker will provide a complete year-end report for the next Board Meeting

### **Health**

#### **Ginger Jones**

Ginger has not been able to compile a report at this time.

### **Judges Education - Patti Neale**

There was no Judges Education formal activity in August, September and October.

The Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey returned the Visualizations that were unused due to the cancellation of their judges seminar in the Spring.

### **National Show Committee and Guideline – Barbara O'Neill**

The National Specialty Policies and Guidelines are up to date. We have two Region 3 groups interested in hosting the 2011 National with proposals from each group to be presented to the Board next May in Frankenmuth

### **2009 National Specialty – Frankenmuth, MI – May 17-23, 2009 – Barbara O'Neill**

Jon and Jenni Steele, Lynne Bennett and Mickey Nash continue organizing the specialty. Arrangements have been made for the tenting and the lure field and equipment has been secured. Terry Doane has volunteered to be the Field Event Coordinator. There is currently \$2,510.76 in the 2009 Specialty account. Bo Bengtson has pulled from judging the specialty and we are in the process of contacting the next in line.

### **2010 National Specialty – Ft. Mitchell, KY – May 16-22, 2010 – Barbara O'Neill**

Signed judging contracts have been returned with the exception of the Obedience/Rally judge, David Haddock. Lure Coursing judges are Jeff Lipps and

Karen Rockwell and Junior Showmanship judge will be Prudence Hlatky. Gale Snoddy, Facility Coordinator, has been busy lining up members for the various committees. We would especially like to see Region 2 members participate in their regional National. Please contact Gale if you can help out as our Auction or CGC chairman. Whitney Blake and Stephen Sims, Hospitality, could use your help on any number of Hospitality sub-committees. Fresh ideas are always appreciated. If not a chairmanship, a commitment to help the week of is always appreciated.

### **Standardized Trophies- Barbara O'Neill**

Toby Brandtman has notified me that they will not be driving to Michigan next May and will need to make arrangements for the challenge trophies to be at the National. An alternative to shipping will be discussed at this Board meeting.

### **Constitution & By-Laws Revision – Barbara O'Neill**

The revisions to the By-Laws were sent to the AKC for review in August. At the end of September, the AKC sent their comments with approval for some of the revisions, the need for clarification for some and rejection of two revisions. Discussion on the next step will be held at this Board meeting.

### **Medal Inventory – Barbara O'Neill**

There are approximately 50 Championship medals and 63 TSE medallions remaining in stock. The sending of TSE medallions is current.

### **Rescue Report - Submitted October 25, 2008**

#### **Dee Jones**

**In-Home Visit List** - I have contacted everyone on the original document and posted a request for volunteers to the BNL. I am in the process of updating the list based on these responses. At the same time, I am contacting people I know personally who have not responded, but whom I believe are willing to be listed. Response has been positive and I think we will have a useful tool when it is complete. As of this writing, I am still receiving e-mails from my post to the BNL. I am saving all e-mails giving permission for listing in a separate folder, for legal protection both for myself, our webmaster, and BCOA. I plan to revisit the list at least annually, to keep it up-to-date.

I have already received one private request for help in arranging an in-home, so I am hopeful this effort is working.

**NBRF** - *Carol Backers* reporting. Rescue continues to be very busy with this year bringing mostly puppies. We currently have 5 looking for new homes. Our number to date is 43 Borzoi rescued.

Insurance is due, just got the bill for liability (\$820). Insurance for our Director and Officers will be coming soon and that is around \$450. After expenses for the 4 TX pups and the one in VA, insurance will pretty much clean us out --3 neuters,

2 spays, shots and what ever else we will need and maybe some transportation, we will be broke.

I am now working on trying to get four eleven and a half week old puppies whose breeder dumped them in a NC shelter out of the shelter. The shelter is not letting us have them, so I have to send people in to "adopt" the dogs at \$100 each.

Also just got word we will be getting a female from WA, owner give-up. Plus, today I received an e-mail requesting help placing another male whose owner abandoned him to relatives.

**Borzoι Rescue of NC – Nancy Joeckel Reporting:.** Borzoι: 3 dogs

- Foreclosure Moose (with heartworm)
- No Longer Wanted Andy (with bad teeth)
- Natalia (8-mos., malformed legs from malnutrition)

Total Expenses: \$3043 (Includes vet fees [procedures, microchips and RXs], foster expenses {food, grooming, boarding}, transport fees, org. expenses] (insurance, supplies, postage, etc.).

**Borzoι Rescue Southern CA – no report**

**Ways & Means – Shen Smith**

The BCOA Ways & Means committee has been working on setting up the Borzoι Memorial Markers & Urns for inclusion in the BCOA shopping cart. The site will be active in mid-November with a percentage of all sales benefiting of BCOA. The Pet's First insurance program has been scrapped as there is not enough interest in the program at this time.

**Domain name review – Shen Smith**

The domains we must keep are:

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| <a href="http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org">www.borzoiclubofamerica.org</a> | Main Web                             |
| <a href="http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.com">www.borzoiclubofamerica.com</a> | Secretary's Site                     |
| <a href="http://www.borzoionline.com">www.borzoionline.com</a>               | AKC uses this one                    |
| <a href="http://www.borzoι-online.com">www.borzoι-online.com</a>             | This is our breeder referral section |

These we really don't need:

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| <a href="http://www.borzoι-health.org">www.borzoι-health.org</a> | This one we can drop |
| <a href="http://www.borzoι-rescue.org">www.borzoι-rescue.org</a> | This one we can drop |

We also have the .com, .net, .info for the above heath & rescue sites. We can carry these on our main website

As I will have a bit more time to dedicate to this project in the future, I am planning on finishing the CD project which will have a pictorial/historical overview of the entire history of the BCOA. This CD will be offered for sale through our BCOA website.

### **Disaster Planning – Robin Casey and Veni Harlan**

Work is continuing on the web site 'Ready Borzoi' and we hope to have it fine tuned in the next few months. We have asked for and received numerous volunteers for the state buddy system to be listed on the web site.? Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Robin Casey at [sgborzoi@aol.com](mailto:sgborzoi@aol.com).

### **Borzoi Club of America Beverly C. Taylor Trust - Barbara Skinner**

The funds were completely transferred to PNC Bank by May 15, 2008. As approved by the BCOA Board, the bulk of the money was placed in safe treasury bills with \$30,000 in a money market account for quick access.

The committee has received the completed applications and paperwork from Borzoi Rescue Northern California (BR-NC) and the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation (NBRF). The BR-NC applied for monetary assistance which was approved via a committee conference call and forwarded to the BCOA Board for final approval. The BTRC is waiting upon the decision of the Board to release the committee approved reimbursement to BR-NC.

PNC has been pro-active during the recent economic crisis with computer updates and call-in conference meetings. Karen Denning participated in the first and most critical conference call. The BTRC funds are safe and secure. Although we will most likely not have as big a dividend at the end of the year to disburse to the active Borzoi Rescue Organizations.

### **ROM - Barbara Ewing**

reports there are no new ROM's to approve as there were no applications received in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

### **Legislative Issues - Bill Hemby**

The biggest issue besides the country going into the tank and the new President and his administration, is the ongoing fight against Mandatory Spay and Neuter, Breed Specific Laws, and Pet limits across the country. In every one of the 50 states there is a threat of one of these issues. While MSN has been killed as a statewide issue in California, other states are still in play.

Massachusetts so far has bit the bullet. Cities around the country are still looking at MSN. Chicago looks like it will defeat it. The animal services council in Las Vegas has passed a MSN but it has yet to go before its county commissioners. In California, Santa Barbara

is still up in the air.

You may know the lawsuit brought against the City of Los Angeles has for all intents and purpose gone down the tubes. With the court ruling against an injunction it pretty much looks as if the court doesn't feel the case has an overriding reason. I have discussed this with a constitutional attorney who stated the evidence presented wasn't the most compelling. If those pushing the case intend to pursue it further, it probably will not have a happy ending. Should I say, money down a rat hole? Odds are they will seek some kind of out of court settlement. My guess goes to them accepting raising the MSN age from 4 to 6 months. Might be one or two other minor issues, but that will be that.

I still would opt for a political campaign to change the City's mind.

I will not post a state by state or city by city analysis. I will leave that up to the AKC and other dog groups that do a much better job.

What I think is important is where do we go from here? With MSN killed in California, it looks as if everyone has turned in their swords for their plowshares. We are gone from the battlefield back to planting the crops. This is the mistake we as a community have historically made every time there is a crises.

The problem is the other side isn't letting up. With a new administration in Washington DC. Especially a Democratic one, I fear HSUS and PETA will move to advance their cause against us. I have said, they are winning because they are essentially the only voice being heard on a consistent basis.

I don't count any of the registries as effective in the political arena. Until we decide to back an organization on a national level, we will continue to lose. Having worked with lawmakers from both sides of the isle for years, both in California and DC, I know if we supported a national political group we could make vast inroads, get our message across and move lawmakers away from the AR radicals.

### **Borzoi Club of America Beverly C. Taylor Rescue Committee**

#### **Barbara Skinner**

Committee Conference Call August 19, 2008 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:08pm EST. Present were: Barbara Skinner, R-Lynn Shell-Whitlock and Laurie Kasowski. Absent were Jim Gibson and Karen Denning. The purpose of the meeting was to review an application for reimbursement of expenses from BR-NC [Borzoi Rescue-Northern California]. All committee members received the completed

application and accompanying paperwork for review prior to the conference call.

The application, accompanying paperwork and receipts from BR-NC were complete and proper. After some discussion Laurie Kasowski made a motion to reimburse BR-NC the requested amount of \$1,339.66 and seconded by R-Lynn Shell-Whitlock. The motion passed. This committee is recommending the BCOA Board also approve this request for funds and give final approval for the BTRC to have \$1,339.66 sent to Borzoi Rescue-Northern California from PNC Bank as soon as possible.

This the first opportunity for the BCOA to use the money left by Beverly C. Taylor to help 501c3 Borzoi Rescue efforts. The Committee is glad to know the application process was successful and the paperwork from BR-NC was complete and proper.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm EST.