



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Annual Awards – Nancy Katsalares

I would like to ask the Board if it is necessary to stick with the current plaque maker or if I could look for a cheaper provider closer to Michigan?

I did get an opportunity to speak with the owners of a local award manufacturer and showed the pictures I have received of the awards and their measurements. I was assured that they could work from pictures, a disc or a flash drive.

Mrs. Cushion gave me a quote on nine to twelve plaques, 9" X 12" on heavy wood; 4" X 6" acrylic picture box; and 4" X 6" black metal engraved boxes with double gold edging. Cost of \$45 - \$50 each without shipping. I don't know what the cost of shipping would be for the individual plaques, but certainly cheaper than what we currently pay. Also the plaques come with black velvet drawstring bags at no additional charge.

This company does most of the local awards as well as awards given my Michigan State. Two months lead time was acceptable.

### CLUB INVENTORY & MEDALS – Barbara O'Neill

There are approximately 29 Championship medals and 57 TSE medallions remaining in stock. The sending of TSE medallions is current.

### CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS – Barbara O'Neill

The revisions to the By-Laws that the AKC asked to be clarified were discussed at the November meeting. We are appealing one rejected revision dealing with the use of the blank envelope in the election process. The revisions are ready to go to the membership for a vote as soon as we hear from the AKC.

### Disaster Planning – Veni Harland and Robin Casey

The BCOA Ready Borzoi website may be found at

[http://web.me.com/veniharlan/ReadyBorzoi/BCOA\\_Ready\\_Borzoi.html](http://web.me.com/veniharlan/ReadyBorzoi/BCOA_Ready_Borzoi.html)

though not quite complete, it's at a point where Robin and I would appreciate the board's feedback.

### FUTURITY EVENT – Joyce Katona

Futurity Chair Report - Barbara and I have decided on the favors for the welcoming party. I believe she has ordered them (correct me if I am wrong, Barbara). The trophies are being produced as we speak. I am meeting with the woman making them again this week for any last minute changes, questions, etc.

### FUTURITY – Barbara O'Neill

The 2009 Futurity has closed with 42 new Litter nominations and with a total of 56 litters participating. The 2010 Futurity has begun and currently has 9 new Bitch nominations and 4 new Litter nominations. Judges selection is complete. There is currently \$3,755.00 in the 2009 Futurity account and \$120.00 in the 2010 account.

## **LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

AKC is doing a wonderful job of publishing ALERTs about attempts to eliminate ur way of life. The Center for Consumer Freedom, [www.centerforconsumerfreedom.com](http://www.centerforconsumerfreedom.com), is another site you may want to visit. Also check out the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) which runs an Alert Web Page – [wwpia@multibriefs.com](mailto:wwpia@multibriefs.com). PIJAC publishes the most comprehensive yearly statistical reports on dogs and cats in the United State.

### **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. It has been announced to the membership that Patricia Ulloa will be the Regular judge, replacing Bo Bengtson. Premium list packet material has gone to the printer and should be in the mail before the middle of February. As previously discussed, the ASFA and LGRA premium list and entry forms could not be included in the mailed packet. All material, including the ASFA and LGRA premiums, has been sent to the Webmistress to place on the Specialty website for downloading. The trophy donations have been slow coming in which may be due to the economic down turn. It is disappointing that to date there has not been one pledged donation to the Obedience classes and only one pledge to the Rally classes. Is this an indication of interest in these events and should we reconsider holding them?

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

Signed judging contract have been returned by the Obedience/Rally judge, David Haddock. Gale Snoddy, Facility Coordinator, has been busy lining up members for the various committees and working on an artist for logo artwork. We would especially like to see Region 2 members participate in their regional National. Please contact Gale at [melockoff@fuse.net](mailto:melockoff@fuse.net) if you can help out as our Auction or CGC chairman.

## **RESCUE COMMITTEE – Dee Jones**

The In-Home Visit Volunteer List is complete and on-line. I encourage all breeders to use it. Given the increased number of Borzoi ending up in Rescue during the current economic difficulties, we need to take every step possible to ensure that each placement is safe. To those who volunteered, please check your entry information. If there is an error, let me know so it can be corrected. If someone volunteered and is not listed, please let me know.

I would also encourage breeders to not only arrange for a pre-placement in-home inspection, but to contact Borzoi owners in the area of a new placement. Let them know where you are placing a dog and ask them to make contact and encourage the new owners to participate in canine activities with their new Borzoi. (There are many different activities besides showing, competitive obedience, and performance events. There are local dog events, pet therapy groups, children's canine education, etc. The public are always impressed by the dignity and grandeur of a Borzoi, so Borzoi are almost always welcome at such events. These activities provide wonderful opportunities for the dog and owner to bond and spend special time together.) Having a local Borzoi friend around to answer questions or just talk about the breed could prevent an owner from turning to a shelter if they ever have a problem with their Borzoi.

I would also encourage breeders to follow up on their placements for the life of the dog. Be sure the new owner realizes you still care about that puppy. If something goes wrong, you want the owner to feel comfortable letting you know. You want them to know you remember the dog and will take it back to your home should it be necessary.

### **National Borzoi Rescue Foundation – Carol Backers Reporting**

For the year of 2008, NBRF rescued 53 Borzoi and assisted with the placement into homes of many more. It has been a busy year and we are seeing more Borzoi coming into rescue because

of the hard economic times. I don't foresee this changing any time soon. We did an on line ebay fund-raiser for Christmas and are continuing as we have so many donated items.

We currently have 4 dogs in FL awaiting new homes. We have homes for two of them so far. NBRF applied for, but did not receive the *Pedigree* donation. Perhaps we were too late or only one grant was given per breed - we never did learn why.

### **Borzo Rescue of Northern California – Nancy Joeckel Reporting**

Rescue Borzoi: 2 dogs

- New dog: Trojka (very senior/death of owner)
- Still in foster until 12/28: Natalia

Total Expenses: \$1614

Includes vet fees (procedures, microchips and Rxs), foster expenses (food, grooming, boarding), transport fees, org. expenses (insurance, supplies, postage, etc.).

### **Borzo Rescue of South California – Lorrie Scott Reporting**

For my area last year we rescued and/or assisted in the re-homing of 11 borzoi. I just helped re-home a 2 year old bitch whose owner has lost her job and also been diagnosed with MS and felt her current living situation was not appropriate for her girl. She now a forever home and our New Year has a blessing.

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

The National Specialty Policies and Guidelines are up to date. A solid proposal for the 2011 National in Region 3 will be presented at the May meeting in Michigan. I would like to thank Kay Cassella and Brenda Young for their efforts in researching venues in their region for the 2011 National. The videographer has offered to lock in the current prices of DVD production for the next three years. I will request the Board to consider and make a deposit of \$100 per year that is required to accept the offer.

Copies of the National Site Guidelines have been sent out to two members who are interested in looking into venues for the 2012 National in Region 5. The 2012 proposal will need to be presented to the Board at the May 2010 National in Kentucky.

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

The challenge trophies will be shipped to Michigan. Storage in the Midwest is still to be determined.

### **ROM – Barbara Ewing**

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

Sires:

Ch Avanturin      ROM-C

Dams:

Auroral's Alyeska      ROM-C

DC Kirov Monoceros, RN, SC, LCM, SGRC      ROMX (Upgrade from ROM)

Ch Leicro's Russian Ztarshine      ROM-C

There is a new AKC Agility title NF (Novice Fast). To date one Borzoi has earned this title, so it should be added to the list of qualifying titles at the same point value as the other Rally titles. Points are awarded only once for each level of agility (novice, open, excellent), and are not cumulative within each level.