

Committee reports

Annual Awards – Nancy Katsalares

Nothing to report

BTRC Committee – Barbara O’Neill

The BTRC Committee met on August 19 to discuss the investment policy and to make decisions on maturing bonds.

Club Specialty Trophy Inventory and Medallions – Barbara O’Neill

The sending of TSE medallions is up-to-date. Currently, we have enough 1st Place heads and Double Eagle medallions available for the 2011 Specialty. While the treasury has adequate funds, I would like approval to order enough heads and medallions for the next 4-5 years of specialty.

Disaster Plans – Robin Casey and Veni Harlan

While we’ve been blessed so far with a quiet hurricane season we would like to remind members that a variety of disasters can strike at any time. Please take the time to check out the BCOA ReadyBorzoi link on the BCOA homepage. We would also like to ask anyone who wishes to become a state volunteer to contact Robin Casey or Veni Harlan. Current volunteers please review your contact information and send any updates to:

Robin Casey
sgborzoi@aol.com

or

Veni Harlan
farfieldborzoi@mac.com

Futurity – Barbara O’Neill

The 2011 Futurity has closed as of October 5. The 2012 eligibility and entry forms have been sent for inclusion of the BCOA website. There are currently a total of 39 Litters nominated for 2011. The 2011 Futurity has \$2,225 in the account.

Health – Ginger Jones

Borzoi Health Survey

The total number of participants in our OFA Borzoi health survey is now 821 participants. Cancer is still the most prevalent issue in the breed with Osteosarcoma and Hemangiosarcoma the two most prevalent. Cardiovascular and Neurological disorders are next in order of reported problems. There’s been a significant participation in the OFA DNA test for Degenerative Myelopathy. OFA database currently shows 193 dogs submitting tests with 54 of these as carriers and 7 at risk. Total annual cumulative OFA statistics are included with this report – received October 14th.

Canine Health Foundation Research

I received the list of CHF Oak Grants for the next grant cycle from Erika on October 14th. Interesting to note is that just one week prior to this, I had contacted Dr. Stanley from MSU regarding Laryngeal Paralysis and inquired as to any borzoi samples he might like included in his study. At the time, I didn’t realize they had petitioned CHF for a grant for this project. He’s very enthusiastic about including borzoi in the study and I have a meeting to discuss this with him on November 15th. I’ve also contacted Erika Werne about borzoi inclusion in the study and hope to discuss this further with her prior to my meeting with Dr. Stanley. If we are able to include borzoi in the study, I would like to ask that we contribute the \$2500 towards this study.

2011 National Health Events

I have confirmed that Liz Henson, from University of Missouri – Degenerative Myelopathy research team – will be our seminar guest speaker on this topic. Seminar speaking fee is \$150 plus travel expenses, one nights stay and dinner/breakfast.

I have a confirmation with an ophthalmologist for a CERF clinic and we are attempting to confirm a cardiologist. The one in private practice does not want to work on his days off, the other one, a professor, is from the University of Missouri but wants to charge us \$40 per dog which is almost double what any of our other cardiologists have charged. If we are not able to work out something, we may need to cancel the heart clinic. Theresa Burke has agreed to implant microchips for us for a chip clinic. I'm trying to work out arrangements with the BCOA and NBRF rescue groups to split the cost of the clinic and microchips 3 ways. Follow up is still required to secure the chips and an updated scanner.

Borzoi Health & Welfare Foundation

On October 19th, I received an email and attachment from Prudence Hlyatky regarding the intent to form the incorporation of a 501© 3 Borzoi Health and Welfare Foundation. The attachment did not provide any details or requirements, only that the intent is to review the draft of such with the BCOA membership at annual membership meeting at the 2011 Nationals event.

Judges Education – Patti Widick Neale

Nothing to report.

National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

The National Specialty Policies and Guidelines are up-to-date. I would like the Board to consider making available an advance for each future specialty to use in expiating specialty plans. In the past, Show Committee volunteers have had out-of-pocket expenses of hundreds to thousands of dollars that cannot be reimbursed until after the specialty. The National debit card to order specialty sale items and other necessary purchases in advance but the account needs funds to use the debit card.

2011 National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

The 2011 show committee has been busy with plans for the National. Approval from the AKC and ASFA has been received. For this year, there is a concern about not having the Aristocrat (BC) to publicize the National event in the fall. With a new deadline of September 1, it shouldn't be a problem in the future. If you can volunteer to help, don't hesitate to contact Kay Cassella, Facility/Specialty Coordinator - konzaborzoi@cox.net.

2012 National Specialty – Richland, WA – May 20-26, 2012

Robin Riel, Facility/Specialty Coordinator, has been busy with plans for 2012. The theme of the specialty will be "Wine Country" with an emphasis on Washington products. (Richland, WA is in a major wine producing area.) Robin has solicited artwork for the logo design from regional members with a deadline of January 1. Contact Robin, chborzoi@wabroadband.com, if you would like to participate in any facet of the specialty. The following judges have accepted the 2012 assignment:

Obedience/Rally Judge - Allan Immerman

Junior Showmanship - Steven Kass

ASFA Lure Trial - Lyndell Ackerman & Charles Roberts

2013 National Specialty

Joy Windle is asking the Board to approve a 2013 bid for Lancaster, PA, May 12-18, 2013, at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center. In the past, the Board has reserved Specialty approvals of bids/proposals until the meeting at the National Specialty. The Regional Governor, Ron Williams, has sent email to regional members to see if anyone else in Region I is considering sending in a bid. The response seems to say members are delighted that Joy wants to go forward with Lancaster. :-) Proposal material will be mailed to all Board members prior to the November meeting.

Rescue – Dee Jones

Rescue Committee Report – Submitted by Dee Jones

Correspondence: I wrote thank you notes to everyone who made donations to the BCOA Rescue Fund last year. Thank you to KC for sending me the list of donors.

I answered a few inquiries about adopting a Rescue Borzoi and referred them to Carol Backers and the NBRF website and/or BR-NC, as appropriate, and cc'd the correct organization with the replies, so they would know about the inquiry and could follow up. I receive a few inquiries each quarter, but have not previously mentioned it in a report.

Shelter Flyer: I completed the shelter flyer, adding the comment about Borzoi coming in many colors and patterns that the BoD requested. I also changed all the photos. Getting photos of dogs in representative colors was very difficult. Some of those submitted were not of print quality. I did not want to go to the lists with a request, so was somewhat limited in where I could turn. The final copy will be attached to the e-mail with which I send this report to Jan Leikam, so it should be available to you all.

Costume Contest and Companion Class: Also designed and submitted ads for the Nationals Companion Class and Costume Contest to Barbara O'Neill for R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock to place on the Specialty Web Page. This year's Costume Contest Theme is the *Wizard of OZ*. Dress your Borzoi as your favorite character from the story. There are many characters to choose, good and bad witches, the Wizard, Munchkins, magical apple trees, the monkey army, the horse of a different color, as well as Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion and the Scarecrow.

For the Costume Contest, Edna Ogata has once again designed, created and donated two lovely prizes, Borzoi dolls – one dressed as Dorothy, complete with ruby slippers and Toto; the other is dressed as the Cowardly Lion. I will be sending pictures of them to be uploaded to the Specialty Webpage. I hope the theme and the prizes make for a good turnout.

In-Home Visit Volunteer List: Posted requests to the Borzoi Lists requesting updated information or new volunteers. The updates have been sent to R.Lynn Shell-Whitlock to update on-line. I will ask once more for everyone to check for any errors in their information once Lynn lets me know that the on-line work is done.

NBRF- Carol Backers Reporting: We do currently have a few Borzoi in rescue for whom we are looking for homes. There are at least two more coming in. I have not received any inquiries in quite a while from people looking to adopt and a few of the homes I have contacted about the rescues we have, have declined saying now is not a good time. I feel the economy is affecting even rescue as nothing is moving fast.

BR-NC, Nancy Joeckel Reporting:

Dogs in Rescue: Kodiak, yearling male with no training, no socializing whatsoever.

We received the 2010 distribution from the Beverly Taylor Trust Fund in mid-July. Again, many thanks - due to high vet bills this year, we were broke!!

ROM report – Barbara Ewing

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

Dams:

CH Tahoe's Belle o'Chihawk, JC
CH Zabava Winter Berry, JC

ROM-C
ROMX-C

Sires:
CH Auroral's Across Time Sirius
DC Tahoe's Bold Bidder

ROM-C
ROM

Standardized Trophies – Barbara O'Neill

Robin Riel will transport the challenge trophies from the 2011 National in Kansas to the 2012 National in Washington State. Jan will write Cyndi Gredys who is currently storing the trophies to ask her if she will arrange for the engraving of the Challenge Trophies with the 2010 winners.

501C(3) tax status – Prudence Hlatky

BCOA 501C(3) Corporation Tax Status Review – see **BCOA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** Friday, May 21, 2010 Ft. Mitchell, KY – new business

As charged by the membership at the May 2010 Annual Meeting, members of the committee have met and are working on how to create a 501C (3) entity for BCOA members and Borzoi fanciers to donate time/material/money from which they could write the value off on their personal tax returns.

Committee members Rita Rice, Dee Jones and Prudence Hlatky met at the Tyler, TX show on October 16, 2010. Due to legal and tax constraints, the committee is looking into the formation of a 501C (3) entity called **The Borzoi Health and Welfare Foundation**.

The committee has developed a plan of action and a time-line from which to proceed. Currently the committee has been and is continuing to review the charters of other clubs which have similar foundations. The committee is now working on drafts of Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and drafts of Standing Rules and Regulations which will be submitted to the BCOA Board of Directors.

By copy of this report the committee is requesting to be placed on the agenda of the BCOA Board meeting held at the 2011 National Specialty for a presentation and discussion regarding the Borzoi Health and Welfare Foundation.