

August 20, 2011

Committee reports

Annual Awards – Nancy Katsarelas

After this years nationals there were three recipients that wanted their engraved plates corrected. It took a few weeks but I was able to have new plates engraved with the requested corrections and they have been sent.

I have heard from only one person that she received the new plates and she was pleased.

This last year was a struggle getting pictures or the names of the winners in time to get the awards to the Nationals. I had to relay on many sources. One award plaque did not have a picture, I assume that the owner wasn't interested. or planned on inserting her own picture on her own time. It is easy to insert a picture or change a picture so that was not a problem.

I would like to thank Lynne Bennett for transporting the boxes of awards to the Nationals in her dog packed van.

Thanks to KC Artley for getting the awards to the owners of our top dogs.

The trophy business that has done our awards for the last three years wishes our club to know that they look forward to providing us awards again this coming year. Believe me they don't need the business but are so interested in the awards and in the pictures of our winning dogs that it is almost like they are Borzoi owners themselves.

Aristocrat – Helen Lee

The first online issue of the Aristocrat is up on the BCOA website now, along with a separate file of the 2011 national results. Along with those are the results from the 2010, 2009 and 2008 specialties, with older years coming as I find the time to track down the colour versions of the pictures.

Deadlines for the Aristocrat online editions are August 15, November 15, February 15 and May 15. A new feature available to clubs is the inclusion of win pictures from supported entries. They should be sent in by the clubs along with results.

I will also be needing original artwork for future covers, so perhaps a notice could be sent out to the membership somehow?

BTRC – Shen Smith

No report received

Championship medallions - Chris Danker

No report from me this time, I am behind in getting medals out, but will have them out by the first week of August. Will update next time reports are needed.

Club Inventory and Medallions – Barbara O'Neill

The sending of TSE medallions is up-to-date

Futurity – Barbara O’Neill

The 2012 Futurity currently has 13 new Litter nomination and 9 litters forwarded from 2011. The 2011 Futurity closed out with a profit of \$113.98. For 2012, there is \$795 in the Futurity account. Judge selection process will start in November. 2011 Income/Expenses attached.

Gazette Columnist – Jon Steele

The Gazette has gone digital.

As of October 2011 the Gazette will be published on line only and available for download or read in a pdf file. Currently the July issue is both in hard copy and on the web.

The reasons for the change are outlined by Gina DiNardo in her address to the board (see separate attachment)

Like it or not, the number of subscriptions does not justify the cost according to AKC and the new digital format is really quite nice, especially if you have an e-reader or iPad. I will miss the ability to just pick it up and read a column or two and toss it back down or throw it in the car to read on the way to a dog show.

The format will still have the same content and columns, including the parent club breed columns, and I will continue to write and publish on the BCOA site the Borzoi columns. As of a few days ago, the website was updated by R Lynn and all the columns through the August Issue are available. The following link is for the BCOA Gazette Columns online

<http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/gazette.htm>

The last two columns are up and available including an article on Silhouette: Standing and Moving and the last column (August 2011) on Grooming and over grooming.

The link for the Gazette on line is <http://www.akc.org/pubs/index.cfm>

The current issue is at the following link

<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/b805d4eb#/b805d4eb/1>

As always I welcome the Board’s input on topics for future columns.

Health – Ginger Jones

just received information yesterday that I was waiting for that the seminar speaker & cardiologist I had intended for the 2012 Nationals has moved from Washington to North Carolina.

I have a few other names to check on to see if they can accommodate for the cardiologist to do our heart clinic, but at this time I'm somewhat stymied for a seminar speaker and topic. I'll have to try to do some more research to see who's out there that might have an interesting topic for our borzoi folks.

If you have any suggestions - I'm happy to hear about them!!!

I also wanted to let the board know that I will be traveling to the AKC CHF Parent Club Conference the weekend of August 12/13/14 and will provide a report out after I return. Typically the schedule is for this conference to be just a few weeks prior to the board meeting, but this year I believe it was held a bit later. I don't ever remember it being a conflict with my Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty before and it's always that weekend. :-)

I'm also hoping that I can include this info, my general membership report & the list of BCOA members who contributed the balance of their subscription funds to borzoi health in that issue. I believe the deadline for publication is August 15th - any chance of extending this for 2 days so that I can pull the CHF stuff together? I'd love to get this out to members while it's still fresh news if possible.

I've had a few inquiries from members for information about various diseases that have popped up in a dog along the way and for the most part have been able to locate a name and contact information from a specialist who can help with their questions and provide guidance.

For 2014 - I have a lead on a seminar speaker depending on where in region 4 the nationals are held. The speaker is Dr. Nancy Kay and author of the book "Speaking for Spot". We could also

purchase copies of her book at a discounted price and resell as a fund raiser for Borzoi Health - this is something she regularly does with breed clubs.

I've received the first and second quarter results/statistics for borzoi from the OFA. In spite of our economical downturn, participation in health testing has not decreased in the past two quarters as compared to other years.

Judges Education – Patti Neale

The National Specialty Judges Study Group drew only ONE student judge, in spite of the central location. Other JECs report low attendance at their events too, but two years in a row, we've only had one student at the National. This is very disappointing, but is likely a reflection of the downturn in dog show activities and the economy.

The American Dog Show Judges Institute starts August 7th in Indiana, Pennsylvania at IUP, with Borzoi schedules for the first day. Joyce and Roger Katona are this year's Field Coordinators to round up Borzoi for the afternoon workshop. Roy Silguero has done this for the last few Institutes, and Kathy Wright handled the job in the early years. The cooperation of Borzoi fanciers in getting good dogs to this somewhat isolated campus is highly appreciated by the student judges, and this department.

The AKC Institute Advance Hound Institute starts August 11th, with Borzoi scheduled for Saturday the 13th. Rebecca Peters-Campbell will be the presenter. She, and the AKC Judges Department been provided with our usual educational handouts, and I have worked closely with Rebecca on the actual PowerPoint program. The program and script have been cleaned up and are in a more user-friendly configuration, which will make future events somewhat easier for other presenters. There are currently 16 students enrolled, 12 days out.

Junior Showmanship – Barbara Lord

No report for board meeting.

National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

National Show Committee and Guidelines

The National Specialty Policies and Guidelines are up-to-date. Region 4 is next up for 2014 and proposals are due in May of 2012. Both First Place cast heads and pewter double eagle medallions have been ordered

2011 National Specialty – Lawrence, KS – April 3-9, 2011

The 2011 specialty show was a wonderful success with a profit of \$11,481.60. Thanks to the show committee, the Wizard of Oz theme came to life, from a glorious rainbow ring entrance to the props all around the ballroom and a perfect theme for the costume contest. Such clever members! Thank you to all who worked so hard on a memorable National Show. 2011 Income/Expenses Summary attached.

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

Robin Riel, Facility/Specialty Coordinator, continues filling in any holes in the show committee list. A meeting at the hotel on July 8 was very fruitful with details of plans discussed. We also have straightened out the reservation procedure and any questions on room rates. You can find current reservation information at www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/2012/hotel.html. AKC approval is still pending and we are waiting for the Spokane K.C. to contact the AKC to release Borzoi from their Saturday show. We would like to let exhibitors know that by joining Red Lion Rewards they will eliminate the \$50 room cleaning fee. Join online at www.redlion.com.

"Celebrate Borzoi" will be the costume theme this year with Dee Jones again taking the leadership role, and Victoria Newbill as Hospitality Chair has exciting ideas planned. A new fun feature will be the "Borzoi Olympics", headed by Jan Leikam. Tasteful and tasteless fun contests

for dogs and owners will take place on Friday following the Costume Contest. Let the games begin! The Member Education Seminar promises to be another highlight of the specialty thanks to Prudence Hlatky's efforts. Stay tuned.

We also want to make you aware that there are only 7 RV parking spaces at the hotel. Make your reservations with Charlie Riel, aashtoriaborzoi@gmail.com, as soon as possible. First come, first served. Carol Enz has chosen some new items for Specialty Sales that will make you say – "Wow!" Please contact Robin, aashtoriaborzoi@gmail.com, if you would like to participate in any facet of the specialty.

2013 National Specialty – Lancaster, PA – May 12-18, 2013

Joy Windle, Facility/Specialty Coordinator, has been busy making plans for the Region 1 National Specialty. She and members of her committee has submitted the following judges names in order of preference for Board approval.

Obedience:	Lure Coursing:	Junior
Showmanship:		
Tibby Chase	Jeff Bedrick	Missy Brong
Nancy Withers	Ian Davies	Jay
Cunningham		
Marilou McCloskey	Don Ewing	Kathleen
Andrews		
	Gary Roush	
	Beverly Griffith	

Rescue – Dee Jones

The Shelter Flyer has been completed and uploaded to the BCOA Rescue Site, along with an explanation of its use. It was announced to the various Borzoi lists, after which I received several favorable comments on this project. There were two suggestions that I think are good ideas, adding a line labeled "Local Contact" for people to add their own contact info, and adding a picture of a puppy. I think each of these is something that can be done and with BoD approval will update the form to include them.

The general opinion of the Costume Contest was that it was one of the best we have ever had. The costumes were wonderful and the dogs were all such good sports. The theme for next year's contest has been a topic of discussion with some members who are in the Pacific Northwest. We have decided to parallel the Specialty Theme of Celebrating Borzoi by using Borzoi Celebrate, dress your dogs up to celebrate. They can celebrate anything, a birthday, a wedding, a religious or secular holiday (e.g., Christmas, Easter, the 4th of July). Handlers are encouraged to dress up to help complete the celebratory picture.

BR-NC – Nancy Joeckel Reporting

BR-NC's Board has voted to do quarterly reports and post them on our website and the links out to the lists (BNL & Rescue Notices). In the future we will post these right after the close of each quarter, which should be convenient for the BCOA BoD meeting schedule.

We will get the first of these reports up to our website this weekend (covering a recap of 2010 and the first half of 2011). In the meantime, here is a summary for the BCOA BoD meeting.

BR-NC had one dog in foster throughout the second quarter – Kodiak. This youngster had very special needs and we were waiting for a truly good match for him before placement. We are thrilled to report that Kodiak went to just the right home over the July 4 weekend and is doing very well there.

During the second quarter, we continued to support NBRF with the Pickle Hill Rescue by providing home checks and adoption applications from our files. Several of the PH dogs have

gone to current or former BR-NC adopters – homes which have proven themselves capable of handling rescues with special needs.

We offered assistance through our Referral Program to two breeders who wished to rehome adult Borzoi; neither followed through and we do not know the status of those dogs. In addition, we gave financial assistance to Rancho Coastal Humane for Borzoi Holmes, surrendered by his breeder. Holme's CA breeder was not able to help with him, but he did eventually go to an experienced Borzoi owner in AZ due to networking through BR-NC and NBRF.

Finally we assisted other owners and rescue with several Borzoi crosses in need of new homes. As always, we offered information about screening, posting to our lists, and other aid that does not use BR-NC funds, but does use our network of help.

ROM – Barbara Ewing

One application has been received for the ROM, which qualifies with the designation shown:

GCh. Aria's Billie Holiday ROM-C

501C (3) Status – Prudence Hlatky

No report Received

Member Education – Prudence Hlatky

To bring you up to date on the Breeder's Education Seminars status and what I have planned. I've laid out a course plan and I'm hoping that once you see my plan you will want to keep me on for the series. I'm copying Patti and Jon on this email. Hopefully Patti would be presenting the 4th seminar, the BCOA's Judge's Education program and I'm hoping to talk Jon into staying on as Master of Ceremonies. Both Patti and Jon would also be invaluable advisors.

2012 - From Russia with Love - A Historic and Contemporary Review of Russian Borzoi. A panel of presenters, who have to have either lived in Russia, travelled to Russia for hunts and/or judged large Borzoi entries in Russia. Most importantly, each is a student of Borzoi in Russia, both historic and present day.

2013 - Borzoi Movement: "The Good, The Bad, The Ugly" – comparison based on Rachel Page Elliott's DVD "*Dogsteps*" and pictures of Borzoi movement from BCOA Nationals and regional specialty shows and top winning Borzoi.

2014 - Changing a Breed by Stealth - The Evolution of Borzoi in America using photos / videos of BCOA and regional specialty winners, BOB and class animals, as well as top 5 Borzoi to show how type evolves over the decades.

2015 - BCOA Judges Education - Presentation of The Borzoi

2016 - You Be the Judge - 'Putting It All Together!' - Member judging, selection and placement of a class of Borzoi.

Starting with **2012 – From Russia with Love** - I have verbal agreement from Irina and Kristina Terra, Jim Sillers, and written conformation from Rey and Yvonne McGehee. I've written to Jim and the Terras asking for a written commitment and hoped to receive that before going public. We can publish the title and seminar description now and fill in the presenters later.

2013 – Borzoi Movement: "The Good, The Bad, The Ugly" – Very few Borzoi people could stand up before the fancy and talk movement without being flamed to death. But few would dare to take on Rachel Page Elliott's reputation, so her DVD will be the basis of this seminar. I've provided Rebecca Neal with a copy of *DogSteps* and she is working on pulling photos from past

Nationals and specialties, for us to select movement shots. I will also be pulling in several coursing/performance breeders/judges who will give the performance view on movement.

2014 – Changing a Breed by Stealth – How do Borzoi of today compare to Borzoi of 10, 20, 30 or even 50 years ago. I've already run this idea past a couple of "old timers" and they are quite excited about it and more than happy to pull photos from their files.

2015 – Is a given – the BOCA Judges Education Program

2016 - You Be the Judge - 'Putting It All Together!' – A different format this time, instead of a swarm of people going over a very few dogs, I'm thinking of using modern technology. Do everything as a presentation, standing, gaiting, show the dogs wet and dry, then have the members vote. It will take coordination, but I believe it can be done and it could be fun, especially seeing what's under all that hair.

As you can see all of the seminars build on each other and flow on from what Jon presented last year on breed type.

If you are in agreement with these seminars and with my proceeding, would it be possible to have a page created on the BCOA website? This would be to inform the membership of what is happening education-wise, build interest and give me an avenue to solicit photos, etc.

Likewise I'd like Breeders Education to grow beyond a committee of one. Everybody I've talked to has been very excited about working on the seminars. Having past Breeder Education chairs as advisors or if willing still work on or with the committee plus adding some of these new participants creates a promising pool from which to draw a committee.

Although I would be doing the coordination and leg work, these seminars aren't about what I believe what a Borzoi should be but rather the sharing of insights by knowledgeable peers and senior members of the fancy.