

## August 2013

Minutes: Joy Windle

14 & 21 August 2013

## BCOA Board Meeting Teleconference Wednesday, 14 August 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Rebecca Peters-Campbell at 8:34 pm, EDT

**Present:** KC Artley, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Robin Riel, Roy Silguero, Lorrie Scott, Ron Williams, Joy Windle



Moved by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Robin Riel to approve the **Minutes of May Board Meeting** as amended. Amendment: National Specialty 2015 Facilities Co-ordinator, Joyce Katona. There is neither a co-coordinator nor an assistant to the Co-ordinator. The motion carried.

### Officers' Reports

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle) Moved by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Ron Williams to approve the report. The motion carried.

### Applications for Membership

#### First Reading:

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Sponsors: Barb Ewing Codi Craft

Alicia McCabe HC 61 Box 3042 Ramah, NM 87321

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Monika Sima 1480 E. Laird Ave. Salt Lake City, UT 84105

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Sponsors: Sharon Johnson Cynthia Gredy

Linda Turner PO Box 71 Burson, CA 95225-0071

[luvs2ofc@gmail.com](mailto:luvs2ofc@gmail.com) 805-0479-9918

Sponsors: Yvonne McGhee Carol Enz

Moved by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Joy Windle to approve the second reading for one application. The motion carried.

#### Second Reading:

Diane & William Wevley 1654 NE 50<sup>th</sup> St. Kingman, KS 67068

[belizar@msn.com](mailto:belizar@msn.com) 620 955-7198

Sponsors: Teresa Burks Kay Cassella

### Trophy-Supported Entry

Mid-Atlantic Hound Association 10 May 2014 Chair: Lois Schultz

Judge: Dr. Francis Broadway Sweeps: Anita Squires

Moved by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Joy Windle to approve one TSE applications. The motion carried.

**Corresponding Secretary** (Karen Mays) Moved by Joy Windle, seconded by Robin Riel to approve the Report. The motion carried.

**Treasurer** (KC Artley): Moved by Joyce Katona, seconded by Lorrie Scott to approve the report. The motion carried.

**AKC Delegate** (Barbara O'Neill): Moved by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Roy Silguero to approve the report. The motion carried.

**Regional Governors:** Moved by Joy Windle, seconded by Barbara O'Neill reports. The motion carried.

It was agreed that expanded Regional Reports are appropriate for the *Aristocrat* **Standing**

**Committee Reports:** Moved by Joyce Katona, seconded by Prudence Hlatky to accept the following, with comments as noted. The motion carried.

**Annual Versatility Award** (Karen Ackermann)

**Aristocrat** (Helen Lee): Rebecca reminded everyone to promote advertising in the newsletter. Editor Helen Lee also welcomes articles and stories of interest to members.

**Futurity** (Barbara O'Neill) Moved by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Joy Windle to approve the use of the 2013 Futurity profits of \$601.74 toward this 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2014.

**Judges' Education** (Patti W. Neale) It was agreed to ask Patti to include the names of those judges who participate in Judges Education.

**Keeping in Touch** (Edna Ogata): Members are reminded to let Edna know of others who should be added to her list.

**Legislative Liaison** (Rita Rice): Moved by Joy Windle, seconded by Robin Riel to encourage **Regional Governors** to share legislation to support; also to share via social media where appropriate. Rebecca will ask Rita to write letter in favor VMMA HR1528, S950 & S1171.

**Member Education** (Prudence Hlatky): Patti W. Neale will present her Judges' Education program to Membership at the 2014 specialty in New Mexico.

**National Specialties** (Barbara O'Neill): 2014 & 2015

2014 Added attraction: Parade of Open Field Dogs

Moved by Joyce Katona, seconded by Prudence Hlatky to add a Dual Champion Sweepstakes as an added attraction to celebrate BCOA's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The motion carried.

Judges: Because of conflicting assignments, it has become necessary to shuffle national specialty judges as follows: 2015: Anne Midgarden/ Barbara Skinner 2016: Ron Spritzer/ Jon Reimer

**Rescue** (Dee Jones): After discussion of the lawsuit regarding a pending bequest to BCOA Rescue, it was moved by Joy Windle, seconded by Roy Silguero that rather than hiring legal representation, BCOA Board send letter to the judge indicating that BCOA would accept the funds for our Recue Committee should the court award them to us. Rebecca will draft letter & Board will assist in revising. Motion carried with Lorrie Scott & KC Artley opposing.

**Registry of Merit** (Barb Ewing): Moved by Barbara O'Neill with a second from Joy Windle to accept DAMS: Ch. Zabava Monoceros, ROM-C and Ch. Morozova Stella by Starlight, ROM. The motion carried. Congratulations to the owners.

**Website** (RLynn Shell): Rebecca urged everyone to check out the re-designed BCOA.org website. Joy reported that the text of the pamphlets on owning a borzoi are currently being revised; it is expected that the updated versions will be on line by year end.

Statistics (Joyce Katona): Moved by Prudence Hlatky, seconded by Joy Windle that statisticians will send their statistics to Joyce who will, in turn submit them to the Aristocrat. The motion carried.

The hour being late (10:40 pm), Prudence moved to recess until 7:30 EDT Wednesday, 21 August 2013.

## **BCOA Board Meeting Teleconference**

**Wednesday, 21 August 2013 7:36 PM EDT**

**Present:** KC Artley, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Robin Riel (8-8:15) Ron Williams, Joy Windle

**Absent:** Karen Mays (in Europe), Lorrie Scott (vetting Torquato rescues) , Roy Silguero (work)

### **Unfinished Business**

**Additional specialty 2015 Judges:** Barbara presented the list of judges requested for obedience, rally, lure coursing, and junior showmanship sent to her by Joyce Katona. Joy Windle moved, seconded by Ron Williams to approve the list.

**Obedience:** Jeffrey Showman – Berlin Center, OH  
Catherine Thompson – Washington Court House, OH  
James Ham – Harrison Township, MI

**Junior Showmanship:** Corrine Miller – Caldwell, ID  
Jim Sillers – Imlay City, MI  
Carol Spritzer, Milford, OH

**Lure Coursing:** Daniel O'Neill – Canfield, OH  
Roger Katona – Chesterland, OH  
Judy Jazdyk – Norton Shores, MI  
Tracy Leonard – Beavercreek, OH  
Janet Lotz – Pataskala

**Result of Executive Session:** Subsequent to a Board hearing (7/17/13), member Karen Staudt-Cartabona was officially reprimanded as a result of charges filed by member Carol Backers.

**Photo of the Week:** Carol Enz said that this function needs a special account with heightened security. Board is asked to look at BCOA.org and think about the next phase for PotW. We shall collect more information and discuss in November.

**Coloring Book Project:** Barbara O'Neill & Lorrie Scott are chairing this project. Best price for printing is at Costco: 150 books/ \$310. We will do our best to have the coloring books available for the 28-29 September Meet the Breeds booth at Javitz Center, NYC. Artists are invited to submit simple line drawings of borzoi for the coloring book.

**2013 Meet the Breeds:** September (Ron Williams): Happily, there is no fee for the two-day Meet the Breeds at the Javitz Center. Linda Deutsch is designing our booth. Lorene Connolly and Joy Windle have volunteered with dogs. More people with dogs would give individual dogs break time. Contact Ron Williams to volunteer.

**Fall Board meeting:** 2 November 2013 at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron/Sandusky, Ohio, site of the 2015 national specialty.

**Nominating Committee:** Reminder of dates:

15 September- Nominating Committee sends its report to the Recording secretary.

1 October: Recording secretary notifies the membership

31 October: Additional nominations by petition must be received by Recording secretary.

### **New Business**

**Communication** with members: Rebecca suggested that Regional Governors cc Board with all communications with regional members.

**TSE:** Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Joy Windle that we add medallions for Select Dog and Select Bitch at TSE's. The motion carried.

**Insurance on BCOA Assets:** Trophies need to be appraised for insurance. Barbara had consulted with Gary Newton, artist of two of the existing for a valuation.

KC Artley will send Carol Enz a copy of the 'hold harmless' agreement for the time the trophies are in her custody.

AKC: On Friday, 13 December, the AKC will host its first breeder-to-breeder seminar at the Orange County Convention Center, in Orlando Florida in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championships. This will be a seminar for breeders by breeders of all categories, from the novice to the long-time breeder. There will be individual speakers covering topics such as canine genetics, the whelping process, pedigree analysis and the litter grading process. This is a complimentary seminar, which will be videotaped and posted on AKC.org for all to see.

The Board discussed additional support for the new day of Amateur Owner Handler Competition at National Championships; we decided to wait to see the level of entry support by borzoi owners.

**Legislative issue** – Addressed the issue of wolf hunting with dogs in Wisconsin forwarded by Fred & Barbara Lord. While The Board cannot support this legislative agenda, the Lords may post to BCOA/MO. Members are welcome to send letters of support.

**Medallions for Foreign Specialties:** Carol Enz needs information regarding where and when to send medallions.

**BCOA Rescue:** Moved by KC Artley, seconded by Barbara O'Neill "the Board recommends that the BCOA rescue committee release BCOA Rescue funds to reimburse those who have cared for the Torquato dogs. The motion carried.

### **For the November Meeting:**

**Ways to publicize and honor borzoi therapy dogs:** Look for ways to publicize borzoi therapy dog work and recognize them. Two possible ideas include are an Honor Roll on BCOA.org, as well as an *Aristocrat* column.

**Re-homing link** similar to that of BR-NC on [borzoiclubofamerica.org](http://borzoiclubofamerica.org)

Rebecca asked that people observe a 15 October deadline for filing reports for the November meeting.

Joyce Katona moved to **ADJOURN at 9:40.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Joy Windle  
Recording Secretary

**CORRESPONDENCE: Karen Mays**  
**28 April –29 July 2013**

- 04/20/13 Received a request from Janet Pritchard, [brooks8424@att.net](mailto:brooks8424@att.net), for breeders in the Oklahoma area. Sent.
- 04/20/13 Received a notice from Valori Trantanella that she has puppies available.
- 04/26/13 Received a request from Shanon Emerick, [fairbanksgwp@yahoo.com](mailto:fairbanksgwp@yahoo.com), for breeders in Alaska, Washington, Oregon or California. Sent.
- 05/01/13 Received a request from Judith Mariahazy, [Mariahazy@PhoenixUnion.org](mailto:Mariahazy@PhoenixUnion.org), for information on a breeder in California. Sent.
- 05/02/13 Received a request from Colleen McMahan, [cmcmahan@cinci.rr.com](mailto:cmcmahan@cinci.rr.com), for breeder contacts in the Cincinnati area. Sent.
- 05/11/13 Received a request from Jean Clayborn, [jean.words2liveby@gmail.com](mailto:jean.words2liveby@gmail.com), for breeders in the North Carolina area. Sent.
- 05/13/13 Received a request from Michaela Basile, [15michaelab@gapps.sanford.org](mailto:15michaelab@gapps.sanford.org), for breeders in the northeast. Sent.
- 05/15/13 Sent notice to AKC that Pat Murphy is BCOA's nominee for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award.
- 05/21/13 Received a notice from AKC that, effective July 1, 2013, all Delegate-Judges will be indicated by an asterisk (\*) in the online judges directory.
- 05/22/13 Received a request from Ericka Steele, [subzeroturkey@gmail.com](mailto:subzeroturkey@gmail.com), for information on Borzoi and breeders in Maryland. Sent.
- 05/22/13 Received notice from AKC that our specialty results have been processed.
- 05/31/13 Received our specialty close-out notification from AKC. Notified Barbara O'Neill.
- 06/09/13 Received notification from Irmgard Thompson of a change of address to: Crane's Mill – Apt. #3203, 459 Passaic Avenue, West Caldwell, NJ 07006, 732-842-2854.
- 06/13/13 Received a request from Melissa Miller, Senior Communications Specialist, Nestle-Purina PetCare, [Melissa.Miller@purina.nestle.com](mailto:Melissa.Miller@purina.nestle.com), wanting to feature Borzoi in their next edition of *Today's Breeder* magazine, and looking for photos of puppies and adults that are good examples of the breed. Consulted the BCOA Board who felt the request should be forwarded to Patti Neale. Done.
- 06/14/13 Received an invitation from AKC to host a booth during their Meet the Breeds at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show on December 14 and 15 in Orlando, Florida. Sent a notice that Chris Neale would be the liaison to AKC on this project. Copied Chris.
- 06/14/13 Received an invitation from AKC to sponsor the medallions offered for Best of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex, Best Bred-by-exhibitor, Select Dog and Select Bitch at the AKC Invitational at a cost of \$125.00. The deadline for inclusion in the catalog is August 1<sup>st</sup>. Because the deadline is prior to the scheduled conference call, the Board was contacted for a decision on whether to sponsor the medallions.
- 06/16/13 Received a request from Karen Cartabona for an updated copy of the BCOA Constitution and By-Laws. Sent.
- 06/17/13 Notified Patti Neale that I had contacted the Board and they suggested she provide the pictures for the Purina article if she is willing.
- 06/17/13 Notified Pat Murphy that she was BCOA's nominee for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards.
- 06/24/13 Received confirmation from Patti Neale that she has contacted Melissa Miller regarding the photos to be used in the Purina article.
- 06/26/13 Received notification from AKC that our 2014 Specialty Application has been approved.
- 06/26/13 Received notification from AKC that our 04/09/14 Sweepstakes Event has been approved. Sweepstakes Judge: Cherie Hunchak.
- 06/28/13 Received a request from Caryl Dumaine for information on how to apply for BCOA approval for the upcoming Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha specialty. As a newer club she was unaware she had to apply for approval. Specialty application sent.
- 06/28/13 Received a request from Neil Newman, [nnewman@factset.com](mailto:nnewman@factset.com), for breeders in the New England area. Sent.

- 06/29/13 Received a request from Toby Brandtman for a Borzoi Club of Northern California Specialty to be held 10/19/13 in conjunction with the Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, California. Conformation Judge: Kenneth Tippie. Sweepstakes Judge: Suzanne Deghi. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Toby. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the web site.
- 07/01/13 Received information from AKC inviting us to participate in their AKC Club Outreach Program.
- 07/03/13 Received notification from AKC that our Rally Event to be held in conjunction with our 2014 Specialty could not be approved until the \$25.00 fee is submitted. Notified Barbara O'Neill.
- 07/03/13 Received a request from Caryl Dumaine for a Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha Specialty to be held 11/16/13 at the Century Link Center in Omaha, Nebraska. Conformation Judge: Steven Evans (Australia). Sweepstakes Judge: Pat Hardy. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Caryl Dumaine. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendar.
- 07/06/13 Received a request from Meme Pepe, [seadog91@yahoo.com](mailto:seadog91@yahoo.com), for information on Borzoi. Sent.
- 07/08/13 Received a \$125.00 check for the AKC Invitational Medallions from KC Artley. Submitted the pledge form, with check, to AKC.
- 07/09/13 Received a request from Kim Plache for Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Specialty approval. Sent her an application form.
- 07/09/13 Received a request from *Canine Chronicle* regarding the creation of a historical database of all-time record-holders in the breeds.
- 07/09/13 Received a request from M.J. Nelson, [probe@upstel.net](mailto:probe@upstel.net), who will be doing an article featuring dogs that are multi-titled for *Dog News* magazine. She asked to be put in touch with members who have multi-titled dogs. A list of names was submitted.
- 07/22/13 Received a request from Beth Callow-Soles, [dogshowcalendartcl@yahoo.com](mailto:dogshowcalendartcl@yahoo.com) asking for information on our National and what makes it special for their calendar of events.
- 07/23/13 Received a request from Degen Pener, [Degen.Pener@thr.com](mailto:Degen.Pener@thr.com) for a recommendation for someone to interview for *Hollywood Reporter* magazine regarding the popularity of Borzoi back in the old Hollywood days.
- 07/25/13 Received notification from AKC that they had not heard from our club regarding our participation in the New York Meet the Breeds at the Javits Center on September 28 and 29, 2013. Contacted Ron Williams who indicated he would take care of this.
- 07/27/13 Received a request from Barbara Lindsley for a Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Specialty on February 15, 2014 with the Plum Creek Kennel Club event at the National Western Complex in Denver, Colorado. Conformation Judge: Pat Murphy. Sweepstakes Judge: Pat Wiseman. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Barbara Lindsley. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.
- 07/27/13 Received a forwarded email from Wendy Saxton, [oxlea@xtra.co.nz](mailto:oxlea@xtra.co.nz), regarding Karen Van Antwerp from Tonisvorst, Germany who enjoyed Jim Sillers article reprinted in the *Aristocrat*, "Crafting International Borzoi Standards." Wendy asked how Karen could become a member and get on our mailing list. I sent both links to our web site where they can download a membership application and articles.
- 07/29/13 Received a request from Edward Storm, [ejardberg@gmail.com](mailto:ejardberg@gmail.com), for breeders in the New York area. Sent.

**Treasurer: KC Artley** Please contact KC for a copy of the Treasurer's Report  
 3706 W. Jackson Rd. Springfield OH 45502-1129 [kcartley@earthlink.net](mailto:kcartley@earthlink.net)

## **AKC DELEGATE: Barbara O'Neill**

28 July 2013

The AKC Delegate meeting was held Tuesday, June 11, 2013, Raleigh, North Carolina. I did not attend.

Chairman Alan Kalter reported that Christopher Walker joined us in March to spearhead the effort to strengthen our public outreach, starting with creating an engaging and effective social media platform. At that time, the AKC had about 100,000 likes on Facebook and about 4,000 engaged participants - and engaged participants is the true measure of the health of a brand. Now, we have almost 370,000 likes and 80,000 engaged people. While HSUS has many more likes, they only have 28,000 engaged participants. What does all that mean? Those that are with us are really with us. Supporting the AKC, talking about us, and passing along items from our Facebook page. In addition, we now have a blog which the AKC team created in a couple of hours on Good Friday and the blog has currently received over 130,000 visitors. The last piece of that puzzle is the AKC website. Chris' team is working to make it significantly more user-friendly and interesting, particularly for the general dog-loving public. As they say, "watch this space" for change you will like.

The following actions are underway: (1) Updating the website's look, content, and navigation; (2) Enhancing services to teach the public about a more user-friendly way to purchase puppies and help our breeders; (3) Refining criteria in response to requests by the media for interviews and crystallizing our story. We will define ourselves rather than allowing others to do so; (4) Continuation of significant growth of Facebook fans by 251 percent as well as Twitter and Pinterest; (5) Revamping public outreach and educational tools.

On Friday, 13 December, the AKC will host its first breeder-to-breeder seminar at the Orange County Convention Center, in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championships. This will be a seminar for breeders by breeders of all categories, from the novice to the long-time breeder. There will be individual speakers covering topics such as canine genetics, the whelping process, pedigree analysis and the litter grading process. This is a complimentary seminar, which will be videotaped and posted on AKC.org for all to see.

## **Regional Governor Reports**

### **Region 1: Ron Williams**

Nothing to report

### **Region 2: Roy Silguero**

Nothing to report

### **Region 3: Prudence Hlatky**

With summer upon us the region has been very quiet while we wait out the summer heat. But through the wonder of modern technology also known as air conditioning the shows went on. This region hosts two of the country's largest summer indoor shows, those being the Dallas and Houston shows.

The Lone Star Borzoi club in conjunction with the Dallas Kennel Club hosted a designated specialty that was well attended, with Borzoi folks flying or driving in from near and far. The winners have been listed on other media so I won't relist them. The wins and majors were spread out over three days with BOB, WD and WB being won by a different Borzoi each day.

BCOA hosted a TSE in conjunction with the Houston Kennel Club and it also was very well attended. Once again over the three days a different Borzoi won BOB, BOS, WD and WB each day, so the majors were well shared. In addition to our TSE, Houston KC hosted a very large Meet the Breed. A special thanks to all those who brought their wonderful Borzoi to this meet and greet. I've received very positive feedback from the Houston club. If that wasn't enough we capped off the Borzoi activities with many of the weekend's winners being presented during a Borzoi judges seminar

hands-on, presented by Patti Neale. Approximately 10-15 judges got to examine some beautiful Borzoi and discuss their finer points with their owner/handler/breeders. A good learning for all involved.

Still to come this summer are:

The Lone Star independent specialty September 21 with Pat Murphy judging.

Rocky Mountain Specialty September 2, but unfortunately it closes prior to this report being published. If anybody else wants to hold a TSE or Borzoi event please let me know and I'll be happy to assist you with it.

I have been trying to get to different states in this region to meet with BCOA members and Borzoi folks. Unfortunately after entering and making the arrangements last minute events have caused me to cancel my plans. I was all set to attend shows in Arkansas, but - can you image - work got in the way and my driving (vacation) day was cancelled.

Congratulations to Rita Rice on being appointed BCOA Legislative Chair. A challenging position these days with all the anti-breeder/dogs legislation the fancy is facing.

If you are interested in a chairmanship or being on a committee please tell me or any member of the board. Frequently during board meetings we are looking for members who are available and willing to chair a committee or event. Please don't be shy we'd love your involvement. Chairing a committee also opens a path to the board of directors as the constitution requires serving as the chair of a committee or event as a condition for running for the board.

Although there appears to be no burning issues at this time, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

#### **Region 5: Robin Riel**

Nothing to report

#### **Region 6 : Joyce Katona**

I reported to the region after the National and congratulated all the winners and placement getters. When going over the results, I was pleased to see that the majority of winners at the 2013 National were from Region 6! Notable wins from people living in the region were: Best Op in Futurity, Best in Sweeps, Best Op in Sweeps, Triathlon Winner, Winners Dog, Best of Winners, Winners Bitch, Reserve Winners Bitch, Select Dog, several conformation Awards of Merit, Obedience High in Trial and Obedience Awards of Merit. There were also Obedience and Rally qualifiers and placement winners and LGRA and ASFA placement winners from the region.

I stated that it was made official at the BCOA Board meeting on May 13, that the 2015 BCOA National Specialty will be held at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, OH! I indicated that I will be the Facility Coordinator and asked for volunteers to work in a variety of capacities.

I requested that members in the region who participate in obedience and/or lure coursing send me a list of their favorite judges in those venues. I asked for input regarding the type(s) of coursing desired and also for artistic folks to create a logo for the 2015 event.

I mentioned that the reason there was no presentation on the 2014 National in Albuquerque, NM at the banquet was due to a major computer malfunction. I said I had been to the site for our November 2012 Board meeting and stated that it is a very nice facility and that there would be more information and contact numbers on the BCOA website in the middle of June.

In June, I attended the Greater Twin Cities Borzoi Club Specialty and held a meeting. I passed out the flyers that Carol had for 2014 and answered questions about the facility. I repeated the request for help in 2015 and asked for everyone to bring any questions or suggestions they may have to my attention ASAP in hopes of making 2015 a great National!

I have continued to forward the various AKC mailings to the members in the region.



## **Standing Committees**

### **ANNUAL VERSATILITY AWARD : Karen Ackerman**

R.Lynn Shell has been notified to update the BCOA website with the revisions.

### **Aristocrat: Helen Lee**

A few ads have been received for each issue but it would be nice if the members could give more support, as this is a fund-raising effort for the club. I would think that with world-wide coverage now, instead of just to club members, people would be eager to advertise. :->)

Also, I would like to encourage the members to send articles/stories to add to the content. The Aristocrat has been opened up to more content in order to make it a more interesting overall publication. Please support your newsletter!

### **BCOA Legislative Liaison: Rita Rice**

As directed by our various email conversations in May, on June 3 I emailed the letter attached to this report to the Producer Don Nash of the NBC Today Show, and President of NBC News Phil Griffin, with copies to NBC's major sponsors. I apologize for omitting the cc to the AKC's Dennis Sprung, but can forward this letter to the AKC if BCOA still wishes. To date, I have only received typical "form letter" responses. Thank you for allowing our voice to be heard! If anyone on the BCOA Board has an issue they would like me to write on, please let me know. In addition, I would appreciate instruction from the BCOA Board as to whether you would like me to write position responses to bills that are presented on a national or state level, or any ideas you have for the Legislative Liaison position in general.

As of August 1, 2013, there are over 100 bills in legislation across the country dealing with animal husbandry, sales, or animal rights issues. The AKC's Government relations department tracks them individually, and keeps a list available here:

<http://www.cqstatetrack.com/texis/viewrpt/main.html?event=49bfaef9bd>

Below are a few of the bills being considered at the US Government level:

**The PUPS Bill (Puppy Uniform Protection and Safety Act - HR 847 and also S 395)** is of great concern, since it is a US government bill that may affect all of us, if passed.

US HR 847 was referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development and Credit as of 3/14/13.

US S 395 was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry as of 2/27/13.

As of August 1, 2013, the status of PUPS is the same as in my report of April 26, 2013.

### **The Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act of 2013 - HR 1528 and also S 950 and S 1171**

The Veterinary Medicine Mobility Act allows Veterinarians to transport and dispense controlled substances outside of their place of registration. HR 1528 was referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigation on 4/30/13.

The AKC has no recommendation on this bill. Personally, I think it should be supported, as mobile veterinary services support communities at large as well as breeders and rescue.

### **The Recreational Fishing and Hunting Heritage Opportunities Act - HR 1825**

The purpose of HR 1825 is to direct Federal public land management officials to exercise their authority under existing law to facilitate use of and access to Federal public lands for fishing, sport hunting, and recreational shooting, and for other purposes.

On 6/12/13, this bill was Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 28 - 15.

The AKC has no recommendation on this bill. SAOVA and other sporting organizations are in support, and I recommend support, as the act strengthens the ties between sporting and hunting pursuits and Federal public land management.

### **The "Pets on Trains Act of 2013 - HR 2066**

The "Pets on Trains Act of 2013" would require Amtrak, when feasible, to designate at least one car where passengers may transport a dog or cat if the pet is in a kennel that can be stowed according to Amtrak's requirements for carry-on baggage and the passenger is travelling less than 750 miles.

The bill would also allow passengers to transport dogs or cats as cargo if the pets are in a kennel, the cargo area is temperature controlled, and the passenger is travelling less than 750 miles. Passengers

would be required to pay a fee to transport their pets on trains.

AKC GR supports this bill, which is pending in the House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials. Dog owners supportive of this measure are encouraged to contact your member of Congress and ask them to support HR 2066.

#### **Pet Safety and Protection Act of 2013 – HR 2224**

HR 2224 amends the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally. HR 2224 was referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Rural Development and Credit on 6/25/13.

The AKC has no recommendation on this bill. I recommend support as it reinforces the requirement that research animals are acquired legitimately.

Visit [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) and enter your zip code in the "Find Your Representative" box at the top of the page to find the name and contact information for your US Representative.

#### **From the Sportsmen's and Animal Owners Voting Alliance:**

By bombarding the IRS with letters and our elected officials with emails, we will call attention to the arrogant practices of the HSUS. We MUST fight back NOW or our battles may be over. It's time we stand up in unison and say "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!!!" We refuse to let those who are guided by misinformation and the lust for power take over our agriculture, wildlife management and ownership and enjoyment of animals.

For the last several years Attorney Frank Losey has been issuing Calls to Action asking animal owners to contact Members of Congress about the excessive lobbying activities and prohibited political campaign activities of the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS) These Calls to Action resulted in thousands of E-Mails and letters being sent by concerned citizens in all 50 States to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and to their respective Members of Congress. While it is true that most Members of Congress literally and figuratively sent non-responsive responses back to their constituents, ALL DID NOT!

To date, 27 Members of Congress from 15 different states have forwarded the concerns expressed by their constituents about the HSUS either to the IRS; or to the Treasury's Inspector General; or to U.S. Attorneys in the Justice Department, including the U.S. Attorney General, or to all three Offices! And each of the 27 Members of Congress specifically mentioned, by name, the HSUS!

The weakest side of the HSUS was its deceitful "cover-up" of the documented facts that were presented to the IRS that substantiated that the HSUS has made false statements on its Tax Returns, and that it actively covered up the fact that it has consistently failed to comply with the provisions of the U.S. Tax Code which explicitly provides that tax-exempt, public charities may not engage in excessive (too much) lobbying and that they are absolutely prohibited from endorsing or opposing political candidates. And that is why the Spay and Neuter Campaign was focused on the MACRO PATTERN OF CONDUCT OF EXCESSIVE LOBBYING AND PROHIBITED POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES BY THE HSUS, AS OPPOSED TO ANY SPECIFIC BILL, SUCH AS "PUPS."

The excessive lobbying and prohibited activities of the HSUS were documented by the more than 3,000 pages of documents methodically sent to the IRS by Frank over the last four+ years to develop a paper trail.

Additional information on SAOVA's "Spay/Neuter The HSUS" Campaign can be found here:

<http://www.saova.org/spayneuterhsus.html>

#### **From The National Animal Interest Alliance**

The National Animal Interest Alliance is holding their annual conference on November 2-3 in Orlando, FL. Additional information can be found here:

<http://www.naiaonline.org/articles/article/naia-2013-conference-the-conversation-begins-with-you>

#### **BCOA Futurity: Joyce Katona**

The final 9 puppy bronze sculptures are in production. The waxes are all poured and went to the foundry on Monday, July 29. The pieces will be in metal in 4 weeks, and then 2 more weeks is needed for finishing and adding the base and plaque.

Leslie requested a deposit of \$500. I sent her request on to KC.

### **AKC Gazette Columnist: Jon Steele**

The Gazette remains in online form only. After the columns are published I send the PDF files to the BCOA website for uploading. Columns are always written 3 months in advance. The last column from May was requested to be published in the Chow Club publication. I generally allow any club to use the columns and they have been published in Canada, The Netherlands, England, and Australia as well as several breed clubs here.

### **Judges Education: Patti Widick Neale**

Eight student judges participated the Judges Study Group at the National in Lancaster, a record for recent years. There were two other approved Borzoi judges that came for ringside activities. As usual, various Borzoi breeders and exhibitors gave up an hour and a half of their Friday night fun to give the student judges a quality hands-on experience.

On Saturday, July 20, I gave the presentation for Dog Judges Association of America as part of their Hound Group workshops in Houston, in conjunction with the Reliant World Series of dog shows. There were nine attendees, including one approved Borzoi judge who was a multiple repeat attendee. Local Borzoi folks provided seven dogs for the very successful workshop component.

American Dog Show Judges Association has cancelled the Sighthound class in August in Indiana Pennsylvania, due to under-enrollment.

While these study groups are brief introductions to the breed, the enthusiasm of the majority of the student judges was refreshing.

Thanks once more for the generosity of fanciers who provided dogs for this year's events.

There is nothing formal on the calendar for the remainder of the year.

### **KIT: Edna Ogata**

Activities:

March 27, 2013 – Birthday card to G. Hinkle

May 2, 2013 - Sympathy card to D. Duncan's family

May 4, 20123 – Get Well card to C. Kubiak-Zamora

May 20, 2013 – Birthday card to R. Barger

### **BCOA National Specialty Committees: Barbara O'Neill**

#### **Futurity**

The 2014 Futurity, which began November 15, 2012, currently has 13 new bitch nominations and 11 new litter nominations. There were 21 litters eligible to continue to the 2014 Futurity. The 2014 Futurity is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Futurity and I would ask the Board for approve the use of the 2013 Futurity profits of \$601.74 toward this 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Special mention and a big thank you goes to Rhonda Robins who donated the 2013 Futurity art vases and the reason we have a profit. Joyce Katona, the Event Chair, has special plans for 2014.

#### **National Specialty Guidelines**

Guidelines are up-to-date as of 7/15/13

#### **2013 National Specialty – Lancaster, PA**

I think all exhibitors and attendees thought that the 2013 National Specialty was a success. Of course, Joy and her committee deserve all the kudos for their hard work. I am waiting for the last of the invoices to come in and hope to have a final financial report before the August Board meeting.

<b>2013 Specialty Income &amp; Expenses Summary</b>			as of
			8/13/13
AUCTIONS & CLUB BASKETS	\$7,301.50	\$3,377.05	<b>\$3,925.45</b>

BCOA RESCUE & JUNIOR FUND	\$420.00		\$420.00
BINGO	\$390.00		\$390.00
CATALOGS	\$6,391.00	\$2,800.14	\$3,590.86
CGC TESTING	\$190.00		\$190.00
GROOMING SPACE	\$2,500.00	\$342.32	\$2,157.68
GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT	\$933.00	\$3,409.07	(\$2,476.07)
HANDLING CLINIC	\$180.00	\$141.18	\$38.82
HOSPITALITY	\$708.50	\$4,104.92	(\$3,396.42)
HOTEL/MEALS	\$9,268.00	\$17,244.01	(\$7,976.01)
JUDGES & STEWARDS		\$1,619.15	(\$1,619.15)
LURE TRIAL	\$2,252.30	\$1,764.88	\$487.42
LGRA RACE	\$640.00	\$114.00	\$526.00
MEMBER SEMINAR		\$1,140.30	(\$1,140.30)
MISC.		\$107.80	(\$107.80)
RAFFLES/AUCTION	\$1,156.00	\$1,073.94	\$82.06
SHOW CHAIRMAN		\$519.44	(\$519.44)
SHOW SECRETARY	\$12,485.00	\$6,558.50	\$5,926.50
SPECIALTY SALES	\$9,828.00	\$8,071.41	\$1,756.59
SWEEPSTAKES	\$1,815.00	\$1,390.25	\$424.75
TRIATHLON	\$70.00		\$70.00
TROPHIES	\$8,285.00	\$10,284.00	(\$1,999.24)
VENDORS	\$2,635.00		\$2,635.00
VIDEOGRAPHER	\$3,540.90	\$3,434.69	\$106.21
Total Income	\$70,989.20		
Total Expenses	\$67,497.05		
Profit	\$3,492.15		

### **2014 National Specialty – Albuquerque, NM**

Exciting plans for 2014 are coming along with Carol Enz as Facility/Specialty Coordinator at the helm. The startup information is on the website thanks to R. Lynn Shell's great web design. We encourage everyone to reserve their rooms early. At this time, we are asking the Board to approve a special attraction – a non-competitive Parade of Open Field Dogs to be held Saturday lunch break. In addition, I would like the Board to consider offering an additional special attraction – a Duel Champion Sweepstakes to include dogs that have obtained both an AKC Champion title and a verifiable field title. In addition, I would like to add the obedience champion title of OTCH as a verifiable title.

The Field committee would like to hold an Open Field demonstration one morning of the specialty. Since this would be a non-competitive event and not within show limits, they are asking the Board to allow a one-time deviation from policy of not allowing two events to run at the same time in case the demo is not complete before conformation classes begin. This of course will depend on entry numbers and the specialty schedule.

### **2015 National Specialty – Huron, OH**

Obedience: Jeffrey Showman – Berlin Center, OH  
Catherine Thompson – Washington Court House, OH  
James Ham – Harrison Township, MI

Junior Showmanship: Corrine Miller – Caldwell, ID  
Jim Sillers – Imlay City, MI  
Carol Spritzer, Milford, OH

Lure Coursing: Daniel O'Neill – Canfield, OH  
Roger Katona – Chesterland, OH  
Judy Jazdyk – Norton Shores, MI  
Tracy Leonard – Beavercreek, OH  
Janet Lotz – Pataskala

### **Club Inventory & Medals**

The sending of TSE medallions is up-to-date.

### **Rescue Report: Dee Jones**

BCOA Rescue sponsored another successful Costume Contest and Companion Class at the National Specialty. Once again, Borzoi owners outdid themselves with wonderful, inventive costumes. There were many companion dogs presented. My husband and I were thrilled to visit with the owner of the Borzoi we personally rescued some years ago. He is in a wonderful home and his owner just adores him. We were so glad to have participated in such a happy ending.

I have long admired the BR-NC's Breeder Assistance Program and have been thinking that we could offer something similar to BCOA Member Breeders. I contacted both Jacqueline and Nancy to be sure they would not see such a program sponsored by BCOA as having a detrimental impact on their program. Both have assured me that they have no problem with our proceeding. Therefore, if the BoD agrees, I would like to put together a team to look into the feasibility and work out details of how we could administer such a program.

I am very pleased to see a Rescue Button on the BCOA home page. Rescue is one item that those who have no connection to Borzoi will use. That button may save a Borzoi some day when a shelter manager is able to locate contact info for breed rescue quickly.

The memorial page for Rescue has not been updated in a long time. I think it could be a place where we offer our members a chance to honor their dogs who move to the Rainbow Bridge. We could allow a photo and memorial message for a reasonable fee. (That would be a way to earn a bit for the Rescue Fund.) I realize there would have to be a limit to the space used and will certainly

bow to Lynn's expertise. It would also require that Lynn have the time to upload and update the page. I am including this idea in this report so that the BoD can discuss and let me know if they would like to proceed.

I have been advised that there will be a court hearing next month on NBRF's legal action to claim the bequest left to BCOA Rescue. I will continue to advise the BoD of the status of this bequest as I learn more detail. Unfortunately, I have also been advised that additional monies from the bequest have been spent to hire an attorney to defend the will against the NBRF claim.

**NBRF – Liz Duncan Reporting:** The NBRF Board has gone through some recent and exciting changes. Mary Childs has resigned from the board and no longer has any association with NBRF, nor represents NBRF in any way.

Effective July 11th, 2013 Sally Hennessey of Geneva, Ohio is our new Vice-Director. Sally got her first borzoi from NBRF in 2000 and currently has two rescue Italian Greyhounds, one Greyhound, and 5 Borzoi. Sally brings over 34 years of paralegal experience and more than 10 years of experience running Lake Erie Greyhound Rescue, which she founded, to the Board of NBRF. We are very pleased and thrilled to have her as part of our team. Carol Backers remains as the Director and Liz A. Duncan-Burge remains as the Secretary/Treasurer.

To date in 2013, NBRF has taken a total of 34 borzoi into rescue; some borzoi are in rescue due to deaths of owners, critical illnesses of owners, and owners no longer wanting, or unable to care for, the dogs. Four are being fostered by Lorrie Scott and are awaiting their spays/neuters before being placed in their forever homes, already waiting for them; these are from the Bob Torquato, O'Bobtor Borzoi, estate. Other borzoi are being fostered in various states awaiting their forever homes; one in Ohio, one in Tennessee, one in Georgia and one in Alabama.

As NBRF does not spend its funds on non-borzoi rescues, we are currently doing a fundraiser for Rescue Borzoi Ditto and his Buddy, a boxer mix. The funds are going specifically for the veterinary and foster care of Buddy. Ditto and Buddy are a tightly bonded pair and were found running loose in the Snohomish area of Washington state on July 16th. Ditto's breeder was located and, due to financial reasons, she said she could not pay to transport him back across country. The breeder did say that she contacted the father of the person she placed the dog with and found out that the owner, a veteran, was now homeless. Apparently the owner had traveled halfway across the country with her two dogs before they got loose. There has been an outpouring of sympathy and caring for the dogs, their owner, and her situation. Cathy Gilles stepped to the plate and is willing to long term foster the two dogs together if the owner can be located. To date, the breeder of Ditto has been unwilling to provide NBRF with any further information so we can attempt to contact the owner, or her father, to offer assistance and let her know where and how her dogs are. The fundraising has covered all of Buddy's veterinarian expenses to date.

We also have two borzoi that are being housed and cared for by NBRF and NBRF fosters as they are evidence in an animal abuse/neglect case in which NBRF is assisting the prosecuting body. Both dogs had severe urinary tract infections, sores and lesions due to matting, were dehydrated and had little muscle tone. We are not allowed to spay/neuter them under they are turned over to NBRF in entirety and are no longer considered evidence. Due to the case being pending, we are not releasing information on the suspect, her location, or the location of the dogs, but know that she is not a BCOA member. We will release more information when we may do so without jeopardizing any ongoing investigation.

From January 1st, 2013 to July 29, 2013, our total veterinary expenses have been \$9,619.00. Note that this does include any discounts given by the providing veterinarian to a 501c3 Rescue. However, this total does NOT include the vetting of the 4 borzoi in California nor the 2 borzoi that are evidence.

NBRF encourages ALL breeders to permanently identify their borzoi and puppies with microchips or tattoos. Without such identification, we are unable to contact YOU if your dog should ever end up in rescue.

Follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/nationalborzoirescuefoundation> or visit our website at [www.nbrf.org](http://www.nbrf.org).

Always hug your hounds!

### **BR-NC – From the BR-NC Website**

Dogs in Rescue

All Borzoi placed through BR-NC Adoption are spayed/neutered, micro-chipped, heartworm/lyme tested, and current on all vet care before placement. Adoption Applications are required, references are checked, and home inspection visits are done.

**Shanti 2012** — Shanti remains in foster care at Jacqueline Gregory's while we search for an appropriate home for him. Shanti is other-dog aggressive and needs to be an only dog until or unless he can be successfully retrained.

#### **Dogs in BR-NC's Referral Program**

BR-NC's Referral Program gives owners/breeders access to excellent homes while they retain full control over all aspects of placing their dogs. In return, BR-NC receives a \$100 donation to help cover the expenses of the dogs we take into rescue.

The following puppies and yearling, current on vet care, and micro-chipped before placement.

Al 2013 – yearling

Alice 2013 – yearling

Ann 2013 - yearling

Jacob 2013 – puppy

James 2013 – puppy

Jed 2013 - puppy

Jeremiah 2013 – puppy

Jill 2013 - puppy

Joshua 2013 – puppy

Other Dogs Assisted

No other dogs assisted in this quarter.

### **Amendment to Rescue Report**

**August 10, 2013**

**Dee Jones**

#### **Janis Lockler Bequest:**

The Washington County State of Oregon Circuit Court held a hearing on 8/8/2013 regarding the NBRF's legal action to force the personal representative for Janis Lockler's estate to designate NBRF as beneficiary instead of BCOA Rescue.

The Judge ordered the BCOA to engage an attorney to indicate their interest in receipt of the funds, and to represent their legal interest in the estate. The estate's personal representative has hired Mr. George Guyer, Attorney at Law. He has recommended that the BCOA engage Mr. Christopher Ling, from Cartwright & Assoc., to represent our interests. Mr. Ling's office is located at 1000 SW Broadway, Ste.1750, Portland OR, 97205. His office phone number is (503) 226-0111.

The BCOA will be able to reimburse itself from the funds of the bequest for any attorney fees.

Therefore, I recommend that BCOA engage Mr. **Ling** to represent their interest in these proceedings. Any questions regarding this legal matter should be directed to Ms. Claudia Cullison, the personal representative for the estate, and a BCOA member.

**AKC Emergency Response Trailers:** I read that the AKC/CAR is in the process of implementing a program to provide 44 fully equipped trailers to be used as emergency response for areas hit by natural disasters. ( I am certain that Barbara O'Neill has complete information about what the AKC shared on this topic at the delegates meeting.) The AKC will be asking clubs to support the trailers. Supporting/sponsoring clubs will be identified on the trailers. I would like to see BCOA be a participant in this program. Final details are not yet available. However, I would go so far as to say that a donation from our Rescue Fund would be appropriate use of these monies, although the AKC program will not be limited to Borzoi. Having seen the aftermath of pets left behind in Katrina first hand, I am very pleased to see the AKC gearing up to provide relief and to be a presence in such disasters.

### **BCOA Register of Merit: Barb Ewing, Statistician**

Applications have been received for the following Borzoi, who qualify for the ROM with the designation shown:

DAMS:

Ch. Zabava Monoceros ROM-C

Ch. Morozova Stella by Starlight ROM