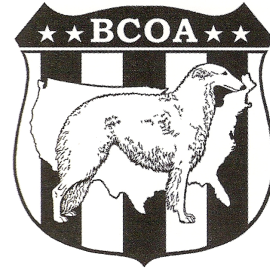


BCOA Board Meeting
Saturday, November 2, 2013
Sawmill Creek Resort Huron, Ohio



President Rebecca Peters-Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:15 am in the Bobcat Room.
Present: KC Artley, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters-Capbell, Roy Silguero, Lorrie Scott, Ron Williams, Joy Windle Absent: Robin Riel
Rebecca welcomed the Board and thanked them for traveling to the site of the 2015 national specialty for this meeting.

Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Ron Williams, to approve the Minutes of the August meeting. The motion carried.

Officer's Reports

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle) Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Roy Silguero, to approve this report. The motion carried.

*Applications for Membership

KC Artley moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky to accept the First Reading of these applications:
Paul Allard & Steve Pedro 2678 County Rd 31 Winchester, ON Canada KOC 2K0

Freckashpeng@sympatico.ca 613 774-5767

Sponsors: Wendy Finlayson Richard Meen

June Biancalana & Karin Bennett 948 W 1470 N Clinton, UT 84015

MyAbster@msn.com 801 388-8778

Sponsors: Bunny Kelley Sharon Johnson

There being no objection from the membership, KC Artley moved, seconded by Barbara O'Neill to approve these applications for membership:

Jean Durdin 10 Farnham Park Dr. Houston, TX 77024

jean@parkwayfamily.com 713 826-3823

Sponsors: Sarah Whittington Jackie Corsett

Michele Fink 10769 Hulbert Rd. Brinston, ON KOE 10C

Fink.michele@yahoo.ca 613 482-1251

Sponsors: Jamie Lynn Bobrowski Mary Childs

Douglas Elerath & Sarah Parr 11 Oakmont Ridge Sandia Park, NM 87047

doug@elerath.com 505 328-9394 sarah@zoivan.org 505 270-0566

Sponsors: Barb Ewing Carol Enz

Barbara & Douglas Lindsley 2231 Pine Meadow Dr. Estes Park CO 80517

tinkerbelle777@comcas.net Barb 970-581-4301 Doug 970-581-3932

Sponsors: Barb Ewing Codi Craft

Alicia McCabe HC 61 Box 3042 Ramah, NM 87321

huanzoi@yahoo.com 505 775-4277

Sponsors: Carol Enz Barbara Ewing

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

barzaja@hotmail.com 435- 313-3153

Sponsors: Sharon Johnson Cynthia Gredy

Linda Turner PO Box71 Burson, CA 95225-0071

luvs2ofc@gmail.com 805-0479-9918

Sponsors: Yvonne McGhee Carol Enz

***Report of the Nominating Committee**

Lorrie Scott, Chairperson; Cynthia Gredys & Patti W. Neale.

The nominating committee submits the following slate for BCOA officers and board for 2014:

President: Rebecca Peters Campbell

Vice President: Carol Enz

Corresponding. Secretary: Karen Mays

Governor Region 1: Ron Williams

Governor Region 3: Prudence Hlatky

Governor Region 5: Robin Casey

The report was sent from Alphagraphics via first class USPS, and reached the USA membership by 1 October. None was returned by the USPS as undeliverable. As of 31 October, no petitions have been received.

Joyce Katona moved, seconded by KC Artley, that the Recording Secretary cast one vote to elect the slate of officers for the term beginning 1 January 2014.

***Email vote**

AKC announced the finalists for its annual Lifetime Achievement Award

<u>Conformation</u>	<u>Companion Events</u>	<u>Performance</u>
Dr. Thomas Davies	Lynn Eggers	Dr. Ray Calkins
Pat Hastings	Bill Iwamoto	Katherine Simonds
Bill Holbrook	Art Twiss	Jeannie Wagner

On Barbara O'Neill's recommendation, the Board instructed Karen Mays to vote for Bill Holbrook. As no one was familiar with any of the other nominees, we did not vote in any other category.

***TSE Applications:** Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Roy Silguero, to approve these applications for Trophy-Supported Entries. The motion carried.

*8 June 2014 Contra Costa County Kennel Club Vallejo, CA
Judge: Bill Shelton or Bo Bengtson NO SWEEPS Chair: Laurie Bradshaw

*18 July 2014 Houston Kennel Club Houston, TX
Judge: James Reynolds Sweeps: Sylvie McGee Chair: Margaret Lucia

Corresponding Secretary: (Karen Mays) Joy Windle moved, seconded by Ron Williams, to approve this report. The motion carried. It is suspected that the success of this year's Meet the Breed booths is partially responsible for the increase in requests for breeder information.

Treasurer (KC Artley): Joyce Katona moved, seconded by Lorrie Scott, to approve this report. The motion carried. KC pointed out that we are spending \$600/yr in storage fees for materials stored in Michigan. Suggestion: organize a sorting party in June 2014 with the goal of reducing the size of storage.

AKC Delegate (Barbara O'Neill): Joy Windle moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, to approve this report. The motion carried. Karen Mays will make NBRF & BR-NC aware of funds available from the AKC Humane Fund.

Regional Governors: Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Carol Enz, to approve these reports. The motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports Joy Windle moved, seconded by KC Artley, to approve these reports. The motion carried. Discussion as noted.

***Annual Versatility Award/Hall of Fame (Karen Ackerman):** KC Artley moved, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, to approve adding the additional AKC Agility titles for points for the Annual Versatility Award The motion carried.

Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Roy Silguero to allow a screen print of the Points and Awards page for an individual dog, as acceptable documentation. The Point and Awards pages can be accessed from the AKC website: www.akc.org, select Store, log in using your user-id and password, select Points and Awards, then input the registration number, which will display the screen listing points towards titles earned by that dog.

*Aristocrat: Rebecca will inform the membership when a new *Aristocrat* is available on line. The motion carried.

*Championship Medals (Chris Danker)

*Club Inventory (Barbara O'Neill)

*Futurity Event (Joyce Katona): Something special planned for the 25th Anniversary in 2014.

*Health (Ginger Jones): KC Artley moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, that the Board now donate the \$3000 previously approved for the bloat study. Karen Mays will send Ginger a letter of commendation and thanks for her good work.

*Keeping in Touch (Edna Ogata): Prudence said that she would send extra borzoi notecards to Edna for use. The Board enthusiastically agreed.

*Legislative Liaison (Rita Rice): Karen Mays will send a notes of thanks to Rita for her excellent efforts.

*National Specialty (Barbara O'Neill): Robin Casey has volunteered to take over the catalog memorial page. Members are reminded to inform Robin of those who should be included.

Cricket Murray has resigned as National Specialty Show Chair for 2015. Anyone who is interested in the position is urged to contact Barbara.

Proposal for 2016 in Region 2 must be presented at Albuquerque (2014).

Recess 10:59-11:15 am

*Registry of Merit (Barb Ewing): KC Artley moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, to approve titles listed for dogs in this report. The motion carried.

*Rescue (Dee Jones): In future, NBRF & BR-NC reports will be summarized for inclusion in BCOA Rescue report.

*Sales (Carol Enz): A Garage Sale is scheduled for 2014 National Specialty. Bargains galore!

*Standing Rules (KC Artley): To Clarify, Sweepstakes Rules apply only to puppy & veterans sweepstakes.

KC Artley moved, seconded by Barbara O'Neill that as a special attraction in 2014, the Dual Champion Sweeps will be governed by its own rules. The motion carried.

Implementation of Standing Rule: In order to implement the current standing rules, Barbara O'Neill volunteered to mail the champion medals to BCOA members whose dogs earn performance titles. To clarify, the medal is given for the first title earned in that activity. The list of dogs earning the AKC titles of CD, TD, FC and the first agility title, will be sent to Barbara from the electronic file provided by the AKC to BCOA. *The BCOA member must send Barbara O'Neill proof of the following non-AKC titles, in order to receive the champion medal: ASFA-FCH, LGRA-GRC, NOTRA-ORC, and the first open field title earned by the dogs from the TCC or NACA or NOFCA organizations.* Also note that a dog will only get a medal for his first lure coursing title, either the AKC-FC or the ASFA-FCH. This is retro-active to 1 January 2013."

Unfinished Business

*Website Update (RLynn Shell/ Joy Windle)

Barbara noted that BCOA was the first parent club to have a national website.

www.borzoiclubofamerica.org has a new, fresh look. Although updating is an ongoing process, the content of the breed information documents should be completed by 1 January 2014. On the Board's behalf, Karen Mays will send a note of thanks and commendation to RLynn Shell.

*Wolf hunting with dogs in Wisconsin: At the request of members in Region 6, the board revisited the Wolf Hunting issue. Prior to the board meeting the regional governors had polled members in their regions on the issue. Based on feedback from the BCOA membership national wide the BOD elects to make no changes to it previously stated position.

*Borzoi Health and Welfare Foundation Proposal (Prudence Hlatky)

Prudence explained the rationale for the proposal: Members have indicated that they would be more likely to make bequests to Borzoi if those donations & bequests were tax exempt. This proposal would provide tax-exempt beneficiary of donations (cash and kind) with Federal Tax Exemption (501 (c) 3); would provide a conduit for funds to BCOA health & welfare. Discussion followed after

Recess for lunch: 12:30-1:40 pm

Consensus: While it is good to pursue a means of making tax-deductible contributions to borzoi, the existing proposal seems unduly complicated. Board requested that Prudence present a simpler version at the January meeting.

***Dual Champion Sweepstakes at the 2014 National Specialty (Barbara O'Neill):**

The Board suggested potential judges and voted by secret ballot. Barbara will count the votes and contact the winner. The Judge will be revealed at the event Thursday, 10 April after Winners Dog. Entry: \$15.

Reminder: The Standing Rules for Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes do not apply to this Special Attraction at our 110th Anniversary Show.

***Meet the Breeds (Ron Williams)**

The BCOA booth at the Javits Center (28 & 29 September) was awarded a Hound Group 4, based on a vote by the public. The banners used in the booth have been shipped to and received by Jane Schreiber. Karen Mays will send a note of thanks to Linda Deutsch who designed and created the booth.

KC Artley moved, seconded by Barbara O'Neill to make MTB a standing committee with co-chairs the chairs for Eukanuba & Javits. The motion carried. Currently, they are Chris Neale & Ron Williams respectively.

Note: Eukanuba Groups & BiS will not be televised in 2013 but will be streamed live on the internet.

***Format for Regional Governors' Reports (Joy Windle)** It was pointed out that the Board and for members within a region do not need the same report. The Board only needs to know of the events and issues concerning BCOA. Regional Governors are reminded to send news to the *Aristocrat*.

***Regional Specialties:** The process for approving regional specialties is fine if the regional clubs follow the process outlined in the Requirements & Applications < <http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/forms-applications.html>>

The current application will be modified to include instructions to send a copy to the Regional Governor.

New Business

*KC Artley moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky to re-name BCOA Rescue Committee as BCOA Welfare Committee. The motion carried.

***Board Meeting Dates:** January Board teleconference (important due to early National Specialty): 20 January 2014 7:30 EST

***Code of Ethics** A committee to revise the current Code of Ethics (Joyce Katona, Lorrie Scott, & Joy Windle) will report in January. In the meantime, the website will be updated to reflect the version on member application.

***Member education guidelines:** Inform Board of plans two years before national specialty. Photographs of dogs will be used in any Member education program with owners' permission. Prudence distributed thumbdrives containing the archive of Borzoi of the past, including national specialty winners.

***2015 Year Book (Barbara O'Neill):** Committee will be appointed in 2014, with forms available at the Annual Meeting. Deadline for submission, November 2014. Joy Windle will proofread.

***AKC Studbook:** KC Artley moved, seconded by Roy Silguero to Publish names of dogs from AKC Stud Book in the *Aristocrat*. The motion carried.

***BTRC:** KC Artley has resigned as a Board Member on BTRC. The selection of a new member will be finalized via email.

***2013 AKC Presidents' Challenge:** KC Artley moved, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, that BCOA not participate this year by donating funds to this AKC fund. The motion carried.

***E-balloting:** Before BCOA can use eBalloting, it is necessary to 1) ascertain whether PA (state in which BCOA is incorporated) law permits eBallot, and 2) revise Constitution & By-Laws to allow eBalloting for election of officers and governors, standard changes, and constitutional amendment.

***BCOA Incident Report (Barbara O'Neill):** KC Artley moved, seconded by Karen Mays, to approve the report. The motion carried. Copies should be available at all BCOA events.

***AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailers:** Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by KC Artley, to contribute \$1200

to the Fund, to be divided between our six regions. The motion carried. Opposed: Lorrie Scott, Prudence Hlatky, & Carol Enz. AKC Reunite is raising funds to help supply stocked mobile trailers that deliver essential necessities for sheltering pets when and where needed to local emergency management. Individuals can make a tax deductible donation to this project via the AKC Reunite webpage <http://www.akcreunite.org/donate/> or by check to AKC Reunite Canine Support and Relief Fund, American Kennel Club, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive Suite 200 Raleigh, NC 27617.

*Annual Awards: Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Lorrie Scott, that Top Breeder Owner Handler be awarded at the annual awards banquet, using the BCOA Breed Point System, effective 1/1/14. The motion carried.

To clarify the current standing rules, KC Artley moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, that only BCOA members names will be engraved on the annual awards plaques, and that the only titles that will be engraved are AKC, ASFA, LGRA, NOTRA, TCC, NACA & NOFCA titles." Motion passed.

*BCOA Facebook: Any of the page Administrators may reply to questions sent in private messages. The page is 'read only' for all but administrators.

*AKC Owner-Handler Series: Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Joy Windle, that BCOA participate in AKC Owner-Handler Series at our National Specialty Show. The motion carried.

*Selection of judges :

Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Roy Silguero, Judges will be selected annually. The motion carried.

Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Ron Williams, the breed judge not judge any borzoi specialty in the USA in the year prior the national specialty where he or she will judge. The motion carried.

Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Ron Williams, Breed judge not judge Borzoi at an all-breed show in the region in where that judge will be judging the national specialty for 6 months prior to the show.

Opposed: Karen Mays. The motion carried.

*National Animal Interest Alliance book: The Board discussed the feasibility of donating copies of If I Ran the Dog Show by the Dr. Seuss Foundation to local libraries and schools. While it is a great idea, which we applaud, the mechanics of making such a donation on a national scale is daunting. At this time, BCOA will not participate. However, we urge members to do so in their communities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Windle

Recording Secretary

After adjournment of the regular meeting at 5:30, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a response to a letter from a member.

Discussion finished and decision made, Executive Session adjourned at 5:45.

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Karen Mays)

07/29/13 – 10/15/13

- 07/31/13 Received a request from Robert Lewis, rlewis@rtsynergy.com regarding information on Borzoi. Sent.
- 08/01/13 Received a question from M.J. Nelson with *Dog News* regarding the correct plural of Borzoi. Sent.
- 08/02/13 Received a request from Tarah Strachan, Strachan.tarah@gmail.com, for a list of breeders in CA. Sent.
- 08/02/13 Received a request from Catherine Corotis, dratherinec@earthlink.net, for a list of breeders in OR. Sent.
- 08/14/13 Received an updated membership list for the Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley from Mary McDonald.
- 08/14/13 Received a request from Mary McDonald for a Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley Specialty to be held on Sunday, May 4, 2014, at Mercer County Park in East Windsor, New Jersey. onformation Judge: Robin Casey. Sweepstakes Judge: Sam Houston McDonald. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Mary. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.
- 08/14/13 Received information from Michael Connors, PhotoScramble.Com, regarding utilization of their Photo Contest service as a fund-raiser.
- 08/14/13 Received notification of a new email address from Angela San Paolo to: aspfoxcroft@verizon.net.
- 08/15/13 Received a request from Arianne Pardue, Arianne.a.pardue@gmail.com, for information on Borzoi. Sent.

- 08/27/13 Received a request from Maria Isabel, design@archliving.com, for breeders in Florida. Sent.
- 08/29/13 Received a request from Donnie Demuth, Donnie.demuth@gmail.com, for breeders in PA Sent.
- 09/03/13 Received notice of the AKC one-year Blanket Approval system for local specialty club shows. Sent a letter to AKC indicating we do not want to utilize this system because we require clubs to submit membership updates for our records in order for them to receive approval. In addition, the data contained in the application assures that the information pertaining to the event can be placed on our web site as a service to our clubs and our members.
- 09/06/13 Received a request from Xiu Chen, xiumchen@hotmail.com, for breeders in ME. Sent.
- 09/13/13 Received a request from Ashley Spivey, rivkarasia00@yahoo.com, for breeders in the VA area. Sent.
- 09/15/13 Received a request from John Nardo, jcnardo@yahoo.com, for information regarding one of our members from whom he had purchased a dog several years ago and wishing to get in touch with her. His request was forwarded to the breeder for her response.
- 09/24/13 Received a request from Juliet Rigtrup for a Borzoi Club of California specialty to be held on Friday, July 25, 2014 at Ryon Park in Lompoc, California. Conformation Judge: Donna Webster. Sweepstakes Judge: Cherie Hunchak. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Juliet. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.
- 09/24/13 Received approval from AKC for our Futurity event on 04/08/14 in Albuquerque.
- 09/27/13 Received a request for the name of the contact person at AKC for our Meet the Breeds booth at the AKC/Eukanuba show from Chris Neale. Sent.
- 09/29/13 Received a request from Steve Maxwell, smaxwell@wt.net, for breeders in TX. Sent.
- 09/30/13 Received a request from Brianna Garbo, begarbo@gmail.com, for breeders in the greater NYC area. Sent.
- 10/03/13 Submitted our vote for Bill Holbrook for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award in Conformation.
- 10/06/13 Received a request from Kathy Stiles, kathystiles@bellsouth.net for breeders in NC and surrounding states. Sent.
- 10/06/13 Received a request for a donation to the AKC Humane Fund.
- 10/08/13 Received a request from Leah Howell, rhowell_2003@yahoo.com for breeders in NY & PA Sent.
- 10/09/13 Received a request from Karen Denning, denning@rdu.edu, for breeders in the northeast. Sent.
- 10/12/13 Received a request from Holly Albrecht, crazyleoluvr@aol.com, for breeders in and around MO. Sent.
- 10/13/13 Received a request from Kati McFarland, candle.swans@gmail.com, for breeders of dogs that have obedience titles in AR, TX, MO, OK, TN. Sent.
- 10/14/13 Received notice from AKC of the nominees for the class of 2018: Dr. Charles Garvin, Ronald Menaker and Patricia Scully.

Treasurer's Report (KC Artley) For a copy of the report, please contact KC Artley
<kcartley@earthlink.net> 3706 W. Jackson Rd. Springfield OH 45502-1129

AKC Delegate (Barbara O'Neill)

Barbara attended the Delegate By-Laws Committee meeting, Karen Mays attended the Delegate Parent Club Committee:

Parent Club Delegate List and Parent Club Conference List: Pat Laurans encouraged everyone who has not already done so to sign up for this list since there will be important issues coming up and projects that will be monitored and placed on the lists.

Dock and Crop, Peter Piusz: Peter discussed the use of breed standards at the Eukanuba World Event and KC's promotion of Crufts in regards to the dock and crop breeds allowing AKC to use the FCI Standards at this event. He wondered if the Board approves this every year. At our last meeting we had asked Bill Feeney to follow up on this. The same rules should apply to AKC events as apply to the parent clubs.

Breeder of Merit Program and Parent Club of Excellence Project, Larry Sorenson: Larry indicated his committee has made some changes to the proposal and the Parent Club Committee will meet following this meeting to discuss the future of the project.

Update Complete Dog Book Project, Daryl Hendricks: Daryl stated everything is squared away for the New Complete Dog Book. The vast majority of the photos are at the publishers. Staff has been speaking to clubs that have not submitted photos. Clubs are able to review and give their final approval for the text.

Update on the CGC Title, Tom Powers: AKC is currently up to 11,500 titles. There has been an "advance" to the CGC title but no certificate for this "CGCA" level.

Update on eBalloting/Online Elections, Bill Feeney: Bill read an announcement that, effective September 1, 2013, AKC will permit electronic balloting in general or for specific purposes if the state law

governing your club permits this. The announcement states that “Parent clubs may conduct elections, votes of breed standard revisions, bylaw amendments and any other specific questions a club’s board of directors shall determine, via electronic balloting. Such balloting must be conducted by an independent organization which specializes in electronic balloting. A member must sign a written authorization agreeing to this method of balloting, which is revocable, which agrees to release the club from any liability should the ballot be received late or not received by the member, due to circumstances beyond the club’s control. Members not providing written authorization will continue to receive all materials via USPS. Clubs wishing to adopt this method of balloting must add the appropriate language to the applicable sections of their bylaws the next time other bylaw work is considered.” This information is on the AKC web site. Frank Holloway, Chow Chow Club, suggested compiling a list of states that currently approve eBalloting so that each club would not need to perform duplicate research to see if it is allowed in their state. Don James, Leonberger Club of America, agreed to work on this.

There are some frequently asked questions that have been published as well. Bill Feeney will see that the information from Mike Liosis is posted on the AKC Delegate and Parent Club Conference lists. Don James wrote an article for “Perspectives” that stressed that clubs utilizing eballoting must be not-for-profit clubs. Pat Laurans indicated that, at this time, eballoting only relates to parent clubs and does not cover all-breed clubs and local clubs. Pat Reynolds, Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, stated that she practices law in the state of Missouri and there is a specific law that states eballoting must be authorized in your bylaws in advance. You can’t change your bylaws at a later date. Giving blanket advice that clubs can do this and then change their bylaws could be a violation. You must check your state’s statutes. Bill Feeney indicated he would be cautious and recommended clubs do their bylaws revisions first. John Nielsen asked if AKC would provide a list of qualified companies. Bill will check on this. Katie Campbell, Basenji Club of America, advised that clubs shop around. There is economy in numbers. The more members your club has the cheaper it becomes per voting entity. Don James cautioned against hiring a firm that doesn’t do paper ballots since you need a firm that does both. Clubs can choose to opt in if they wish to utilize eballoting. Pat Laurans wondered if we would like to ask Mike Liosis to extend this option to local breed clubs. John Nielsen moved we wait a year to see how this works out before taking this step. Motion passed. Pat extended her appreciation to Katie Campbell for bringing this issue to our committee.

Amended Minutes: Peter Piusz noted that, prior to the meeting, it was pointed out that the minutes omitted Doug Lundgren’s comments about carting that indicated **mixed** breeds as well as all breeds would be allowed in parent club carting events, which is what the Board of Directors wants. John Nielsen moved the minutes be approved as amended. Motion passed.

Update on the Club Outreach Program, Daryl Hendricks: Two things came out at the last meeting regarding the Club Outreach Program. First is a clarification on who is eligible to participate. The language has been changed and an email that will go out on October 1st clarifies this. The second was a request to change the language in the email itself regarding the good things we do from an AKC perspective and this has been added to the mailing. Pat Laurans asked about the feasibility of expanding the program to include local specialty clubs and this will be looked into.

Update on Catalogs at National Specialties, Tom Powers: Tom announced that the Board has approved the use of a combined catalog even with different show secretaries for different events.

Update on Fees for Juniors – Registration/Transfers, Daryl Hendricks: Daryl stated that this proposal is still being reviewed for presentation to the Board. Pat Laurans stressed that as a committee we do not want to keep Juniors from participating and that anything we can do would be a positive move. At the last meeting Karen Spey requested the transfer fees be reduced to \$10.00 per transfer for Juniors and feels that Juniors can be identified by their Junior Number. Tom Powers asked if the committee would have a problem if there was a limit to the number of times a Junior could avail themselves of that reduced rate. This should be acceptable.

Update on the Trailer Task Force Project, Pat Laurans: Ninety-two days ago a group of committed individuals came together to discuss the concept of the Trailer Project. Fortunately, there was a trailer on site and everyone had the opportunity to look at it and to realize that AKC could be a part of this project. We could make a difference. Pat announced that there would be a power point presentation during tomorrow’s Delegate Meeting. At the end of the meeting delegates will be given a packet that contains

information and ways their clubs can donate and participate. Pat was also happy to say that the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club has already stepped up to the plate and has committed to raise \$5,000.00. Two individual checks from Corgi people were attached to the pledge. Each and every club we represent is going to be able to help and to be part of something great. Pat thanked everyone for what they have done and what they and their clubs will do because this will be a significant event for AKC and AKC clubs. The committee has done a wonderful job and Staff was amazing. Pat explained there is a way for individuals to write a check and indicate this donation is being given through their club. It is tax-deductible going through CAR as a 501c-3. When delegates pick up their packet after the meeting there will be a sign-up sheet included. Those who want to put a check or credit card with it and personally start the fund for their clubs are urged to do so.

Update on Meet the Breeds, Pat Laurans: Pat stated she had spoken with Gina DiNardo who feels they are in pretty good shape for Javits participation-wise. She has contacted clubs that have not signed-up. Pat urged delegates to contact their clubs to make sure they are represented in Orlando.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Those Running for the Parent Club Committee, Pat Laurans: Pat introduced the candidates who spoke briefly on their qualifications and reasons why they are interested in serving on this committee: Ann Bowes, Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America; Connie Butherus, Aftan Hound Club of America; Mary Ellen Fishler, Poodle Club of America; Ruth Ann Naun, Border Terrier Club of America; John Nielsen, English Setter Association of America; Helen Prince, Scottish Terrier Club of America; and Larry Sorenson, Dachshund Club of America.

Breed Pictures, Pat Laurans: Pat assumed that most of the delegates had received the same request she had from a Kitt Chambers who stated they were creating a dog and cat resource for potential pet owners looking to bring a new pet into their home. After receiving this, she contacted Lisa Peterson asking if she felt this was a good idea. Lisa responded, "I have not heard of them personally, but I would not send them any photos. They are asking you for photos for free without any explanation of usage rights, copyrite, photographer attribution or asking that you sign any photo-releases. We've had requests like this in the past. The content they are seeking will be in competition with the AKC.org breed page." So, the recommendation to you is – don't do it. If you get any other requests like this, don't do it. Sherry Wallis, Akita Club of America, feels we need to respond in some way and should indicate our breed is already represented by AKC.org. We have all the legal requirements taken care of in terms of positions with them, they are the best site to go to, and therefore we decline. Marilyn Currey, American Chinese Crested Club, expressed concern about how our breeds would be portrayed on this site. Connie Butherus is not only concerned with the narrative but the image that may be portrayed, such as a parti-colored poodle. Se feels they are going to find pictures and they are going to write something. It's going to happen whether we participate or not. Helen Prince, Scottish Terrier Club of America, questioned how they obtained the names and email addresses of the people who were contacted.

Humane Fund, Pat Laurans: Pat spoke with Dennis Sprung on Friday who indicated the Humane Fund still has grant money to give out and they really want to help the parent clubs. Pat read what was sent to her from Daphna Straus. "Many of you know about the AKC Humane Fund as your clubs have generously contributed towards their good works. What you may not be aware of is the fact that parent clubs can, in turn, apply for funding from the Humane Fund. Most parent clubs are involved with rescue, either directly or through a separately designated rescue arm. No matter how your club does rescue work it should apply for a grant from the Humane Fund. If your club has spent money to rescue dogs; for medical, rehab or other typical expenses, a grant from the AKC Humane Fund may be possible. Your club can apply for a grant of \$1,000.00 a year for three years for a total of \$3,000.00. If your club does not perform direct rescue activities but refers to a separate non-profit rescue organization, that organization may apply for funding, with a brief letter of reference from your parent club on club letterhead. Applications can be found on the following web site: www.akchumanefund.org and are accepted on a rolling basis at any time throughout the year." Daphna Straus will be happy to take any questions at: 212-696-8243 and Dapha's email is: dxs@akc.org. The Humane Fund exists to help clubs do more for our dogs so please take a look at this opportunity when you can. Every delegate of a parent club needs to send this information to their club.

Connie Butherus recently picked up a copy of *Time Magazine*. At the end was a six page advertisement that emphasized, "Before buying a pet think of adoption first for a lasting relationship." None of us are against shelter dogs or rescuing dogs, but there was no mention of contacting the AKC or the parent clubs. At the end of the article was a list of sponsors including Pet Smart, Purina, Bayer, and the animal division of Pfizer Drug Company. This is what we are up against in terms of our mission which is the promotion of purpose-bred healthy dogs. Ann Mariah Cook, Siberian Husky Club of America, noted that when the president obtained a purebred dog there were all kinds of negative comments about why he didn't get a rescue dog. We did nothing to counter these statements. She added that she is from the state of New Hampshire and they actually do not have enough dogs in their shelters and are receiving shipments by "do-gooders" across the country sending up dogs to the shelters that are actually making a profit on placing these dogs. Why aren't we getting on top of this? Cathleen Rubens, Fayetteville Kennel Club, stated there have been some articles written on this subject in her area. Dogs are being bought or stolen and transferred to other areas in the northeast. This is becoming a profitable business and now we are in competition with them as well. Connie Butherus added that this rescue scam should be exposed. Katie Campbell, Basenji Club of America, suggested that it would be helpful for Daryl Hendricks to put together some sort of "statement page" that will help people respond when they are confronted with comments regarding obtaining a dog from a shelter. Assistance with verbiage would help us get our message out.

As there was no further business, on a motion by Connie Butherus the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Regional Governors Reports

Region 3: Prudence Hlatky

*Pat Murphy judged the Lone Star Borzoi club stand-alone specialty. It was the largest entry in many years, with once again Borzoi folks flying or driving in from near and far. An interesting piece of trivia – the BOB and BOS were the same winners as in the July LSBC specialty. As the winners have been listed on other media and at the request of the BCOA BOD I won't relist them, but congratulations to all the winners.

*The next specialty in the region will be the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club specialty in February 2014. Pat Murphy will be judging Borzoi, Alan Bennett the Hound group and Diane Malenfant BIS

*Once again Lone Star will have a spring (late March) and a fall (September) specialties. Judges and dates will be announced in a later governor's report.

*Plans are in the works for another BCOA hosted TSE in conjunction with the July 2014 Houston Kennel Club show. James Reynolds is the tentative judge.

*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.

- 1) Susan Vanderwater inquired of the members attending The Lone Star specialty if there was interest for a TSE in Midland, TX. Given the drive time from most populated areas of Texas, it was felt that it wouldn't be well attended.
- 2) I'm also working on the possibility of one in Arkansas in late September.

*A regional governor's meeting was held in conjunction with the Lone Star specialty, several new and hot topic membership items were discussed.

- 1) Rita Rice, BCOA Legislative Liaison, gave a long and in-depth review of recent AKC/APHIS activities. An intense Q&A took place between the many members attending.
- 2) A Region III Yahoo Group has been created. This will allow for timely interaction between the area's members and a method to disperse BCOA news. If you are in Region III and have not received an email notification for the group please contact either Rita Rice, or myself so you can be added.

- 3) A Region III news and events column in the Aristocrat is in the development. Barbara Simpson will be coordinating member news and Laurie Courtney will be sending her information. I'm looking for other news coordinators in the far flung areas or Region III. If you want to volunteer to gather human interest Borzoi stories please let me know. In the meantime if you have other Borzoi related news please send it to me at the address listed below.
- 4) 2017 National - It's not too early to start looking for a site and a team to host the next Region III National. It will back in the region in 2017. Proposals are to be presented in Ohio in 2015. As it can take a year or two to find a suitable site and put the committee together, it isn't too early to start the planning process. If you have a potential site and are interested in being the host please let me know so that I can assist you.
- 5) Additional discussion was held on issues from the last BCOA minutes i.e., wolf hunting in MN. The membership in this area is satisfied with the BCOA's BOD current positions.

Region 4: Lorrie Scott

*BCNC just had their specialty in Pleasanton, Ca. I unfortunately could not make it due to job commitment. I've heard the show was lovely and the weather was great. Congratulations to all the winners.

*A BCOA TSE was held Oct 12th in Las Vegas with a BCOC TSE the held the next day. Unfortunately entries were dismal. The hopes had been if TSE's were offered maybe the entries would go up over previous years. Turned out not to be so.

*After quite some time BCOC now has a website as well as a Facebook page. I understand many people have been looking at them.

* I have reminded the regional members of the national in April being in our region and we need a lot more volunteers. Several people have come forward with offers to help with small job or to sit in hospitality for awhile. All of it will be greatly appreciated. It takes many to make a specialty successful. I know Carol has been busy shaking the bushes as well.

*I've had many members contact me in regards to the wolf hunting proposal in Wisconsin and BCOA's stance. I've let them know it is on our agenda for the November meeting and let their opinions be stated.

*I did have a member express concern about the number of breeder referrals BCOA sends out to people. Suggestions for changes to the program were offered. I did say that I would have this added to our face to face agenda.

*I continue to forward all AKC Updates and well as BCOA updates to regional members either via email or print for my members who do not have email access.

Region 6: Joyce Katona

*I reminded the membership to consider placing ads in the Aristocrat and gave them costs and payment information. I also asked them to submit stories and photos to Helen of them doing dog-related activities such as therapy visits for inclusion in the Aristocrat. I included Helen's email and the deadline dates.

*I congratulate Ron Williams and his crew for earning a Group 4 for the BCOA booth at the AKC Meet the Breeds at the Javits Center in Manhattan and asked members to be sure to give him a thumbs-up if they see him at a show.

*I reminded the membership that Sally Hennessey, a Region 6 resident, is the new Vice-Director of NBRF. I also stated her credentials, found on the NBRF page.

*I indicated that due to several regional members contacting me regarding the wolf hunting issue in WI, I have asked Rebecca to put the item back on the agenda for our November meeting. I asked for them to share any thoughts they may have on the issue.

*I told the region of the special attractions planned for the 2014 National; Dual Champion Sweepstakes, open field dog parade and open field demo.

*Again I solicited for committee chairs, helpers and logo designs for the 2015 National.

*I told the region that I would be attending the Greater Omaha Borzoi Club Specialty next month and that I will hold a brief regional meeting there.

*I continue to forward all AKC mailings regarding dog legislation and health.

Standing Committee Reports November 2013

Annual Versatility Award (Karen Ackerman)

The AKC is offering additional agility titles. Should the BCOA want to acknowledge these in their Annual Versatility Award, it could be set up as noted below.

Agility Revisions for those titles requiring three legs 15 points (3x5=15)

Novice Agility Preferred (NAP)

Novice Agility Jumper Preferred (NJP)

Agility FAST Novice (NF)

FAST Novice Preferred (NFP)

Open Agility Preferred (OAP)

Open Agility Jumper Preferred (OJP)

Agility FAST Open (OF)

Agility FAST Open Preferred (OFP)

Agility Excellent Preferred (AXP)

Excellent Agility Jumper Preferred (AJP)

Agility FAST Excellent (XF)

Agility FAST Excellent Preferred (XFP)

14 points is the maximum number given for a title not completed.

Agility Revisions for those titles requiring ten legs 30 points (3x10=30)

Master Agility Excellent (MX)

Master Excellent Jumper (MXJ)

Master Agility Excellent Preferred (MXP)

Master Excellent Jumper Preferred (MJP)

Master Agility FAST Excellent (MXF)

Agility Master FAST Excellent Preferred (MFP)

Triple Q Excellent (TQX)

Triple Q Excellent Preferred (TQXP)

29 points is the maximum number given for a title not completed.

Agility Revisions for all higher level agility titles 40 points each

(This is due to the titles requiring many legs plus points and the point system is too complex. For example, the Time 2 Beat (T2B) requires 15 qualifying scores and 100 points in the Time 2 Beat Class. This would include T2B and T2BP titles and for any AKC agility title above the Master Titles (for example, MACH, PAX, PACH and all Lifetime Achievement titles).

Time Two Beat (T2B)

Time 2 Beat Preferred (T2BP)

No partial credit given for legs and/or points earned. Title must be completed.

BCOA Conformation Championship Medals (Chris Danker)

January thru August of 2013, exactly 100 Borzoi completed their Championships. Of these, 61 dogs are owned primarily by BCOA members.

Futurity Event (Joyce Katona)

The 9 remaining puppy bronzes have been cast. Leslie will be finishing up the final touches; I should have them in a few weeks.

Leslie has asked to be a vendor at the 2014 National. I have sent her the necessary information.

HEALTH COMMITTEE (Ginger Jones)

CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANT RESEARCH:

*I received the status report of the two heart research projects that we supported this year, Grant #1753 Identification of Genetic Factors that Alter the Severity of Cardiomyopathy and Grant #1760 Use of Gene

Therapy to treat Dilated Cardiomyopathy and also the update on Grant #1151 Molecular Basis of Tricuspid Valve Dysplasia. See attachments providing the complete updates on all three.

*I received some of the CHF Oak research grants for 2014 grants year cycle. Of the 19 grants I received and reviewed, there are two that are of particular interest to the borzoi breed and I would strongly recommend that we support both. At the February board meeting the board approved \$3000 expenditure from the Health Fund for Bloat research. I would recommend we put the money towards this particular study as it shows more promise and has multiple investigators with great depth of knowledge. If our health fund can sustain it, I would request we support for \$2500 the additional study on Osteochondrosis as this is a disease that affects many borzoi and the outcome of this research could be dramatic for the breed. Here are the abstracts for each:

***2078: Development of a Regenerative Medicine Technique to Treat Cartilage Disorders in Dogs**

Principal Investigator: Dr. William Brian Saunders, DVM, PhD; Texas AgriLife Research

Total Grant Amount: \$120,872; Grant Period: 1/1/2014 - 12/31/2015

Project Abstract:

Osteochondrosis is a common and debilitating disease affecting large, athletic dogs.

Osteochondrosis is caused by abnormal endochondral ossification, the process by which growth plate cartilage adjacent to joint surfaces transitions from cartilage to bone. The result is excessively thickened cartilage that partially or completely separates from surrounding bone. Cartilage separation exposes the joint to underlying bone and creates a large loose body, termed a joint mouse, within the joint.

Surgical or medical treatment results vary widely based on the affected joint, size of the osteochondrosis defect, and intended purpose for each dog.

Treatment options for osteochondrosis have remained essentially unchanged for decades. Tissue engineering represents a promising treatment alternative for dogs suffering from OC. Dr. Saunders believes the key to successful tissue engineering involves generation of regenerative osteochondral plugs, or ROPs. ROPs are tri-layered cylindrical plugs composed of hydrogels seeded with adult mesenchymal stem cells

(MSCs). Each ROP layer is composed of materials that closely mimic specific zones of the joint and adjacent bone. ROP layers are bioactive, directing encapsulated MSCs to differentiate into specific tissues to more efficiently restore normal joint anatomy. Dr. Saunders will optimize the materials used to generate ROP layers and will determine if MSCs from tissue lining the joint (synovium) or inner cavity of bones (bone marrow) more effectively reconstruct native cartilage, transitional tissue, or bone. This work represents an important advance in canine regenerative medicine and is highly applicable to dogs with osteochondrosis or other common joint ailments such as osteoarthritis.

***1935: Abnormalities in the Stomach's Ability to Contract Predisposes Large-Breed Dogs to Bloat**

PI: Laura L. Nelson, DVM; Michigan State University

Grant Amount: \$233,774.00

Collaborative Team:

Dr. John C. Fyfe, DVM, PhD; Michigan State University

Dr. James J. Galligan, PhD; Michigan State University

Dr. Joe G. Hauptman, DMV; Michigan State University

Dr. William A. Horne, DVM, PhD; Cornell University

Dr. Kent R. Refsal, DVM, PhD; Michigan State University

Dr. Bryden J. Stanley, BVMS; Michigan State University

Dr. Nelson's grant was responsive to our RFP 'special topic of interest' request: Characterization of pathways mediating gastrointestinal motility changes associated with GDV, including utilization of intraluminal sensors and non-invasive sensing technologies to monitor/measure motility in vivo.

Abstract: Gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV or "bloat") is a devastating disease common in large and giant-breed dogs. Occurring most frequently in older dogs with a close relative who has also suffered the condition, the stomach becomes both displaced and distended with air. Without emergency medical stabilization and surgical intervention, affected dogs quickly experience shock, damage to the stomach

wall, and death. Most of the research relating to GDV has described risk factors for the disease, determinants of outcome with treatment, and the effectiveness of preventive surgery (gastropexy). However, the underlying cause of GDV remains unknown. Abnormalities in the ability of the stomach to contract have been documented in dogs after naturally-occurring GDV. An analogous stomach condition in cattle, left-sided displacement of the abomasum (LDA) has been shown to, in some instances, be associated with abnormalities in the motilin gene. Motilin is an important driver of stomach contraction. This suggests that LDA and potentially GDV may be primarily caused by a stomach that does not properly contract, and that this condition may be inherited. The goals of Dr. Nelson's study are to determine the relationship of abnormal stomach contraction with GDV and to define the biochemical and genetic alterations that may be associated with these stomach abnormalities.

In the long term, they hope to develop a test to identify dogs at high risk for GDV that would allow selective breeding to eliminate the condition and to determine which dogs will benefit most from prophylactic gastropexy or other preventive therapies.

***ADDITIONAL CHF INFO:**

The Purina Parent Club Conference was held August 9–11 in St. Louis. As always, the conference was outstanding and many topics were covered. Topics covered the following: Canine Epilepsy by Dr Willaim Thomas, Inherited Cardiomyopathies by Dr Kathryn Meurs, New strategies to prevent Canine Posterior Capsul Opacification by Dr Heather Chandler, Use of Biomechanics to investigate and treat cranial cruciate ligament ruptures by Dr Gina Bertocci, Bloat and Multiple Organ Failure by Dr Elizabeth Rozanski, The Genius of Dogs/Dognition by Dr Brian Hare, Canine Hemangiosarcoma by Dr Jaime Modiano, The Cytogenomic Landscape of Canine Cancer by Dr Matthew Breen, Infection and Immunity by Dr Adam Birkenheuer, Regenerative Medicine for Soft Tissue Injuries by Dr Sherman Canapp, Cytokines and Canine Nutrition Dr Deborah Greco, High Risk/High Reward Gastroenterology by Dr. Jody Gookin, Canine rehabilitation through Physical Therapy by Dr Janet Van Dyke and last but not least, Genetics 101 for Dog Breeders by Dr Danika Bannasch. The seminars were followed by a half day participation in rotating group discussions with the speakers. Also included in these panel discussions were Dr. Anita Oberbauer, Dr Jerold Bell, Eddie Dzuik, and Dr Urs Giger. The Canine Health Foundation will be releasing each of the seminars in regular podcast that are just starting this fall. I will be sure to post this info to the BCOA news list with my personal input of the seminars content. They will be absolutely fascinating!

UPDATES FROM OFA:

I received the 2nd and 3rd Quarter updates for CHIC borzoi from Eddie Dzuik. Once I receive the 4th quarter report, I will publish all updates as an annual total in the Aristocrat

2014 NEW MEXICO NATIONALS CLINICS AND SEMINAR:

*Eye clinic – will be performed by Gavin Kennard, DVM, DACVO \$30 per dog with a 30 dog minimum.

*Heart clinic – Auscultations will be performed by Caryn Reynolds, DVM, DACVIM/Cardiology \$30 per dog with a 30 dog minimum.

*Seminar speaker is Barbara Kitchell, DVM, PHd, DACVIM/Oncology – Osteosarcoma in large breed long limbed dogs and her speaking fee is \$250.

*I'm currently working on a health/members education seminar with Prudence Hlatky and Patti Neale which will be a panel discussion on conditioning and training borzoi for athletic events. While we might not think of this as a "health" seminar, proper training and conditioning prepares a dog and the owner physically and mentally to be able to compete well and avoid injury. In an effort to encourage new members to participate in these events, understanding these points is paramount to building their confidence to participate and enhance their overall enjoyment of these sports with their dogs. We will have a panel of 4 people who will be provided with the questionnaire in advance so they can properly prepare their answers in the time allotted for each. Prudence will lead the panel discussion. The panel will consist of the following presenters:

Straight and Oval Racing – Tom Golcher

Open Field Coursing – Sally Barron

Obedience/Agility/Rally – Chris Danker – pending confirmation

Conformation/Lure Coursing – Patti Neale – pending confirmation

***MISCELLANEOUS:**

*Our BCOA Health Facebook page has been updated with the assistance of Leo Abordo and we are now receiving more attention and interest at this sight. Information has been added for national's event, CHF podcast events, and advertisements for our café press sales sight.

*The café press store will remain open for fundraiser sales until December 31st. Profits to date from sales items are: \$25

*Nancy Hopkins has also contacted me with a fundraiser project that she is coordinating which will be borzoi note cards. I've seen a draft of one card to date and it is very nice.

Keeping in Touch(Edna Ogata)

Activities:

July 23, 2013 - Birthday card to K. Redmond

August 8, 2013 – Birthday card to D. Kostiasack

August 16, 2013 – Birthday card to W. Reddick

BCOA Legislative Liaison (Rita Rice)

*First, I would like to apologize – I didn't look at the minutes until I was preparing this report, and missed the request to write a letter in support of VA's Mobile Vet Bill. I'll check to see if this is still actionable, and have those letters written by October 22 (and will forward to Joy). I promise to be more attentive in the future!

*In addition to my membership with BCOA, I am also a member of SDCA. The SDCA President is interested in the work I'm doing for BCOA, and has asked if I'd be willing to provide SDCA with the same updates. Please let me know if the BCOA Board has any objection to this.

*Most of the State Legislatures are in adjournment, so I have no updates on State legislation.

USDA/APHIS UPDATES AWA GUIDELINES

There has been a lot of activity in the past few weeks, due to USDA/APHIS issuing updated guidelines for the Animal Welfare Act.

The new guidelines impact:

Breeders who own more than four breedable bitches; and

Sell borzoi as companion animals; and

Sell through Internet transactions where the dog is shipped to the buyer sight unseen.

Breeders who own more than four breedable bitches may use one of several loopholes:

They may sell all companion puppies in face-to-face transactions, where the buyer has the opportunity to view the puppy prior to purchase

The buyer may visit the puppy prior to shipment at a later date

They may choose to only sell to other breeding homes (show homes)

OR, they may choose to apply for a USDA license and undergo inspection.

Clarification is still being sought regarding details of the new ruling. I attended the conference call between USDA/APHIS and the AKC on September 19, and have already issued a brief report summarizing the results.

I emailed the USDA on September 25 requesting clarification regarding breeders with more than four breedable females who assist in NBRF or BRNC rescue; due to the government shutdown, I haven't yet heard back (though I did receive an email acknowledging receipt and promising an individual response).

The AKC is very involved with this process, and up to date information may be found on a page dedicated to the new ruling:

http://www.akc.org/governmentrelations/usda_aphis.cfm

CANADA UPDATES REGULATIONS REGARDING IMPORTING DOGS

The [Canadian Food Inspection Agency \(CFIA\)](#), which oversees animal imports into Canada, has clarified its regulations regarding the importation of "commercial" dogs, which includes dogs for shows and exhibitions as well as breeding dogs.

***FOR DOGS UNDER EIGHT MONTHS OF AGE ENTERING CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES**

Dog owners and exhibitors with dogs under eight months of age are now required to present proof of their entry in a dog show, trial, or other competitive event when crossing the American-Canadian border.

This is in addition to the already-existing requirements of:

- A rabies certification (does not apply to animals three months old or younger)
- a veterinary certificate of health whether or not they are accompanied by their owner
- a microchip

Individuals without proof of entry in a show, trial, or other event are instead required to contact the CFIA [Animal Health Area Office](#) for the province they intend to enter at least 30 days before the dog is imported to apply for the permit and allow sufficient time for processing prior to entry into Canada.

***FOR DOGS OVER EIGHT MONTHS OF AGE ENTERING CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES**

Dog owners and exhibitors with dogs over eight months of age are required to present a valid rabies vaccination certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian. (Dogs imported for research purposes must meet more stringent requirements.)

Individuals interested in taking dogs into Canada for show, trial, or other event purposes are encouraged to refer to the CFIA's Automated Import Reference System (AIRS)

at <http://inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/imports/airs/eng/1300127512994/1326599273148>.

The system provides detailed requirements personalized for each user.

Houston, TX may require ALL breeders who live within the city to be licensed. On October 15, the administration of BARC, the City of Houston's Animal Shelter and Adoption Facility, held a stakeholders meeting on its recommended revisions to Chapter 6 of Houston's Code of Ordinances concerning animal-related regulations. Under BARC's current draft, all dog breeders in Houston will be required to be licensed as "commercial breeders." This is of great concern to AKC. The proposed regulations can be found here: <http://www.houstontx.gov/barc/chapter6draft.pdf>

It's interesting that BARC's webpage doesn't give any information about the revisions or the results of the meeting, though there are videos posted on BARC's Facebook page:

<<https://www.facebook.com/BARCHouston>>

PENNSYLVANIA SB1126 MOVES DOG LAW TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Introduced October 10, 2013 by Senators Dinniman, Alloway, Erickson, Vogel and Greenleaf, SB1126 amends the Dog Law by moving responsibility from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Health. The Department of Health would carry out all the administrative and oversight tasks currently required by the Dog Law, including the regulation of dog kennels; the collection of complaints and tips alleging violations of the Dog Law; the seizure of dogs from illegal, unlicensed kennels; and the collection of dog-license, kennel and out-of-state-dealers fees. Senators Dinniman (D, Chester) and Alloway (R, Franklin) state with Dog Law enforcement in the Department of Agriculture, dogs are treated as any other agricultural product and moving them under the responsibility of the Department of Health correctly changes the focus to health, welfare and safety. Senators Dinniman and Alloway plan to unveil a package of bills October 22 with a public dog rally at the Capitol.

Meet the Breeds 2013 NYC (Ron Williams)

The 2013 AKC Meet the Breeds (Cats & Dogs) event at New York's Jacob Javits Center took place September 28 & 29. This year's team consisted of Linda Deutsch, Lorene Connolly, Joy Windle and Eddy; along with Shea and Melody. The event planners were estimating around 20,000 visitors each day. I'm not sure if they met the number or not. However, it felt like they did. The doors opened at 10 and the first wave of visitors made their presence known. The event ended at 5:00 and while putting our dogs into the van to go home, we were still answering questions. I mention this because the MTB is a wonderful event and experience, but, extremely exhausting for human and canine. Once again, I was only able to secure two dogs for each day. One of the dogs on Saturday had to return on Sunday. I have to find a better way to reach our Region 1 membership to participate.

The Borzoi booth was smartly designed by Linda to resemble an early 1900s palace Sitting Room. She made a cloth backdrop to look like wallpaper with painted little designs: two of which had Borzoi depicted. She found several period antiques and candelabras. They were placed throughout our large tables with BCOA and AKC educational material. To top it off, my friend Guy, dressed up as a Czar; who sat on a Throne that was made from a broken down chair by Linda! All day photos were being taken in all combinations of Guy with a dog and visitor (young and old), like they were Santa Claus with his reindeer. Our booth was such a hit; we won a Hound Group 4! The team has already discussed ways of improving next year's Borzoi booth.

Well, it looks as though winning an award sparked an interest in the Region. I've already started to receive volunteer interest for the 2014 MTB.

I thank the Borzoi MTB human team for their time and talents and the Borzoi team for their patience, beauty and spirit!

Jane Schreiber FedEx'd the two BCOA banners for our use. I will ship them back to her along with the BCOA educational pamphlets and magnets.

BCOA National Specialty (Barbara O'Neill)

*Futurity: The 2014 Futurity, which began November 15, 2012, closed on October 8. Currently, there are 17 new litter nominations with a total of 35 litters in the 2014 Futurity.

The judge selection process has begun with the judge nomination form sent to breeders.

The 2014 Futurity is the 25th Anniversary of the Futurity and Joyce Katona, the Event Chair, has plans to make it very special.

The 2015 forms are on the BCOA website.

*National Specialty Guidelines are up-to-date as of 8/4/13

*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, and Carol is doing a great job of supplying regional information to the fancy. We encourage everyone to reserve rooms early. Robin Riel has resigned from the catalog Memorial Page position. A replacement is in the process.

*2015 National Specialty – Huron, Ohio

A site visit has been arranged at the Sawmill Creek Resort for November 1. A signed contract and a deposit should be the result of the visit. Lynne Bennett, representing the Midwest Borzoi Club, will be joining us for a sit down with the owner. Joyce Katona, the Facility/Specialty Coordinator has been busy making plans.

We have received signed contracts from the following judges:

Obedience/Rally – Jeffrey Showman

AKC Lure Coursing – Daniel O'Neill & Roger Katona

Junior Showmanship – Corrine Miller

Club Inventory & Medals

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

BCOA Register of Merit (Barb Ewing)

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

SIRES:

Ch Steppelands Final Mikhail of Abidjan ROM-C

DC Avalon Victorian Pyre, GRC, FCh, RE ROM

DC Mufasa's Midnite O'Silkenswift ROM

DAMS:

Silkenswift Burning Bright ROM-P

Entwood Catherine Velikaya ROM

FC Avalon Rumor of Angels, FCh, GRC ROM

Rescue (Dee Jones)

*Companion Class: BCOA Rescue will once again sponsor the Companion Parade at Nationals in 2014. It's a Borzoi Party and all Borzoi are invited. So, bring your best buddy to the party. Any dog not entered in the show is eligible. Entry forms will be available, hopefully on-line, and definitely at the registration table in Albuquerque. There is not entry fee. The Companion Parade will be held on Friday evening about 6:00, right before the Art Auction. . Every dog gets a toy, so pre-entries are appreciated. Even if you do not have a completed form, letting me know you will have a dog entered makes it easier for me to make sure we have enough toys for all the dogs.

Costume Contest - BCOA Rescue will once again sponsor the *Costume Contest at Nationals in 2014. The Costume Contest will be held on Friday evening at 6:00 directly before the Companion Parade and right before the Art Auction. The there for 2014 is *The Aliens Have Landed*. When the Aliens landed at Roswell, they brought their dogs along. Afterall, who could go wandering around the universe without their dog?! Their dogs were the best breed in the universe - BORZOI. So, dress your favorite Borzoi as you believe an alien Borzoi would look. Should be lots of

creativity and fun. There are prizes. Every dog gets a toy. Entry forms will be available, hopefully on-line, and certainly at the Registration Table in Albuquerque. No entry fee, but pre-entries are appreciated. Even if you do not have a completed form, letting me know you will have a dog entered makes it easier for me to make sure we have enough toys for all the dogs.

*Janis Lochler Estate - The legal action taken by NBRF is still pending before the court.

*BR-NC (Nancy Joeckel)

Dogs in Rescue - All Borzoi placed through BR-NC Adoption are payed/neutered, microchipped, heartworm/lyme tested, and current on all vet care before placement. Adoption Applications are required, references are checked, and home inspection visits are done. Dogs in BR-NC's Referral Program - BR-NC's Referral Program gives owners/breeders access to excellent pet homes while retaining full control over all aspects of placing their dogs. In return, BR-NC receives a \$100 donation to help cover the expenses of the Borzoi we take into Rescue.

*NBRF (Liz Duncan-Burge) To date in 2013, NBRF has taken in a total of 53 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.

Website Update (RLynn Shell, Web Master/Joy Windle, Content Editor)

www.borzoiclubofamerica.org has a fresh new look which we hope is much more user friendly. Most content has been updated; updated breed articles are nearly ready for publication.

*Mentor List: It was drawn to my attention that mentor emails may be out of date. The easiest way to check the list for accuracy is for either the President in her Message to the Membership or the Regional Governors in their communication with members in their regions to ask mentors to check the list on the website: <http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/pdf/mentorlist.pdf> Any changes or corrections should be sent to Joy Windle <joyousgard@me.com>

*Photo of the Week: Amy Balthrop, professional photographer who knows her way around both computer hardware & software has agreed to take on the job as PotW Editor. I believe she is currently or is about to work with Shen to figure out the safest & simplest way to put PotW back in business.

*The current goal is everything up & running by 1 January 2014.