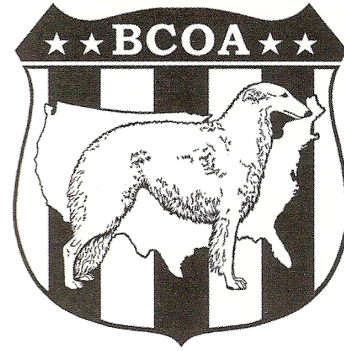


**Borzo Club of America
Board Meeting
Wednesday, 10 April 2014
Albuquerque, NM**



The meeting was called to order at 4:07 PM MDT

Attendance: KCartley, Robin Casey, Carol Enz, Prudence Hlatky, Joyce Katona, Karen Mays, Barbara O'Neill, Rebecca Peters-Campbell, Lorrie Scott, Roy Silguero, Ron Williams, & Joy Windle

Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Roy Silguero to accept the Minutes of the January teleconference as published.

Officer Reports

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle):

New Members: There being no objections from the membership, Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, to welcome the following:

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venustheborzoi@yahoo.com 314 741-8180

Sponsors: Leonore Abordo/Linda Beissinger

Bryan C. Rice 7 Burton Hill Weatherford, TX 76087

[<brice@bcrbvl.com>](mailto:brice@bcrbvl.com) 817 602-0413

Sponsors: (Prudence Hlatky)/Shirley McFadden

Pascale Smith 20117 Carlisle Ct. Farmington, MN 55024

pascale.smith@gmail.com 952 201-0207

Sponsors: Lydia Pruett/Monica Barry

First Reading:

Robert & Diane Bates 2598 Big Bear Dr. Sedalia, CO 80135-4411

(no email) 303-506-2393

Sponsors: Kay Casella/ Lyn Snyder Hoflin

Alice Garcia 5842 W. Columbine Dr. Glendale, AZ 85304

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Sponsors: Toni Paskey/ Nancy Williams

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dracojudd@toad.net 301-694-3197 (m) 301-639-3998

Sponsors: Lorrie Scott/ Harry Van Vliet

Amelia Gottsch 3919 L St. Omaha, NE 68107

Ameliagredys08@gmail.com 402-297-0820

Betty de la Rosa/ Rebecca Peters-Campbell

Kristen Suhrebrock 418 Chestnut St. Paxton, IL 60957

KristenCVT@yahoo.com 217-721-4567

Sponsors: Karla Smith, DVM/ Tina Wismer, DVM

Trophy Supported Entries: Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Robin Casey to approve

Baton Rouge Kennel Club

23 January 2015

Chair: Veni Harlan

Conformation: Lorraine Boutwell

Sweeps: Kasey Parks

The motion carried.

Baton Rouge Kennel Club

24 January 2015

Chair: Veni Harlan

Conformation: Meghann Dorais Lord

Sweeps: Stephen Sims

BCOAMembersOnly@Yahoo.com: The group page has been moderated since March. Rebecca Peters-Campbell will be made Moderator 2.

KC Artley moved, seconded by Ron Williams to approve the report. The Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary (Karen Mays): Joyce Katona moved, seconded by Joy Windle to approve the report. The Motion carried.

Treasurer (KC Artley): Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Carol Enz, to accept the report. The Motion carried.

AKC Delegate (Barbara O'Neill): KC Artley moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, that the Board instructed Barbara to vote 'no' on a proposed amendment as written regarding conflict of interests of Delegates. This amendment would allow professional handlers, superintendents, owners of dog publications, and others who sell goods and services to dog owners, to become club Delegates to the AKC. The Motion carried. KC Artley moved, seconded by Joyce Katona, to accept the report. The Motion carried.

Regional Governors: KC Artley moved, seconded by Joy Windle, to accept reports from the Governors of Regions 1, 3, & 6. The Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Annual Awards 2013 (Nancy Katsarelas): Nancy reported that the plaques for the #1 member owned borzoi were ordered and delivered to Leonore Abordo in Albuquerque. The plaques will be presented at the banquet Saturday night.

Annual Versatility Award. KC Artley moved, seconded by Rebecca Peters-Campbell, to add back the statement that "For conformation titled Borzoi, the minimum one point conformation requirement is waived."

National Specialty 2016: The members in Region 2 could not find a suitable site for our specialty for 2016. Kay Casella & Prudence Hlatky proposed that the 2016 specialty be held in April at the Holiday Inn in Lawrence, KS, where the 2011 show was held. Carol Enz moved, seconded by KC Artley, to accept the change. The Motion carried.

Health (Ginger Jones): The chairperson reported that members have contacted her regarding microphthalmia in borzoi. Ginger Jones has located a researcher at Michigan State University who is willing to start a study for twelve thousand dollars. The recommendations for funding a Microphthalmia study, using BCOA health funds, will be discussed and voted upon at the annual meeting on Friday.

Nominating Committee: Robin Casey (Chair) Ariel Duncan, & Veni Harlan Alternates Susan Deghi & "Doc" Lord

Registry of Merit (Barbara Ewing): KC Artley moved, seconded by Barbara O'Neill to approve these borzoi for ROM:

DAMS:

FC Avalon Rumor of Angels, FCh, GRC	ROMX (correction from 11/2013)
Dibar's Krassnaya Roza	ROM-C
GCh Borscana Coyote Latrans, JC	ROM-C
FC Zoiboyz Tornado V Rosehill, SC, FCh, GRC, CGC, JOR	ROM
Ch Laureate Adr'n Taking Flight	ROM-C
Ch Krestovskaja Anastacia, RA, SC, GRC, FCH, JOR, TT VLAA	ROM
Ch Windrift Keepin' The Faith	ROM-C

SIRES:

GCh Aruzia Priority One JC CGC	ROM-C
GCh Aashtoria Wildhunt 4 Your I's Only, RA	ROM-C
Chabibi's Korona-Kazan	ROMX (upgrade from ROM)

Barbara Ewing reported that members asked her to add the ROM titles of offspring as counting for points to get a ROM for the sire and dam. Since a ROM title is neither a conformation nor a performance title, how would this fit into the current ROM rules? The Board discussed this, but took no action, except to request that Barbara Ewing include her recommendation as to how many points would the ROM or ROMX of the offspring be given, towards the ROM of the sire and dam. Also, the Board requested that the chairperson consider awarding ROM points for the obedience titles of Beginner Novice, Graduate Novice, Graduate Open and Versatility.

Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, to allow owners to include their borzoi's ROM designation as a title, per the AKC ruling and payment of a \$20 AKC fee. Karen Mays will obtain the ROM title list from Barbara Ewing and will send to the AKC, with updates as necessary. The Motion carried. KC Artley moved, seconded by Joyce Katona, to accept all committee reports. The Motion carried.

Storage of BCOA materials: The storage facility in Elk Rapids, MI where the archives are currently stored has been sold and will no longer serve its function. Joy Windle will investigate the options and cost of moving them.

Board Code of Conduct: To reduce paperwork, it was agreed that new Board members will sign the Board Code of Conduct upon taking their seat on the Board. Members will re-affirm annually without signing a copy that would then need to be filed. This requires an amendment to SR D-5.

It was agreed that Rebecca Peters-Campbell will form a **Triathlon Committee** to expand the scope of acceptable events, such as LGRA and rally, for inclusion in competition scoring.

The Board discussed the proposal from a member that LGRA and Lure Coursing be given a later deadline for entries at our Specialty, such as the day of the event, to allow exhibitors to get their borzoi certified for these events. (Currently, all events at our Specialty have the same entry closing date). Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Lorrie Scott, not to change existing deadlines. The Motion carried.

New Business

Yearbook: Editor Helen Lee explained the basic operation of the 2015 Yearbook; she will work with Project Manager Barbara O'Neill to organize materials. Joy Windle will proofread. 15 January 2015 is the early-bird deadline black & white: \$75 for the first two pages/ \$65 for each additional. Color: \$175 for the first two pages/ \$150 for each additional page.

There was a discussion about allowing later ads to be accepted. KC Artley moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, to accept late ads up until 1 March 2015, but ~~is the final deadline~~ with an additional \$25 additional per black & white page, to encourage members to get their ads in early. The Motion carried. Lorrie Scott moved, seconded by Joyce Katona, to charge \$40 additional for late ads for each color page. The Motion carried. Roy Silguero voted "No."

Joyce Katona reported on the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha's new dates with back-to-back specialties. The board requested that Joyce remind that club to follow the current procedures of submitting a specialty application to Karen Mays with a copy to her as the Region 6 Governor.

Photo Archives: The thumb-drives provided by Prudence last November were very helpful in finding photos of the Futurity winners. However, the archive needs serious fine tuning, labeling, and culling to be truly useful. KC Artley will chair the committee, with Joy Windle and Prudence Hlatky assisting.

Ron Williams suggested that we sit for an official Board photo. He also suggested that a Board Member be included in each major win photo at this specialty. Agreed.

Prudence Hlatky moved for adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 MDT

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Windle

Recording Secretary

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Karen Mays):

01/20//30/13 – 03/31/14

- 01/03/14 Received a request from Logan Ellison, logdogs@cableone.net, for breeders in or near North Dakota. Sent.
- 01/04/13 Received a request from Aliksandr Hudzilin, aliaksandr.hudzilin@gmail.com, for breeders in the Bay area. Sent.
- 01/17/14 Received the Winter Edition of the Canine Health Foundation Newsletter containing an update on their bloat studies.
- 01/19/14 Received a request from Allison Hendricks, uglydogsmom@yahoo.com, for information on Borzoi. Sent.
- 01/20/14 Received a request from Pam Leichtnam for a Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on August 9, 2014 with the Cudahy Kennel Club in Cudahy, Wisconsin. Conformation Judge: Patricia Murphy. Sweepstakes Judge: Veni Harlan. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Pam. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the Web Site.
- 01/21/14 Received a request from Tina Strunk, tina.strunk@hitachiomd.com, for information on Borzoi. Sent.
- 01/21/14 Received a notice from AKC thanking us for opting-in to the AKC Outreach Program via the AKC website.
- 01/22/14 Received a request from Lana Von Funk, screamingwoodchuck@hotmail.com, for breeders in Florida. Sent.
- 01/24/14 Received a request from Jisoo Song, 54641210@gmail.com, for breeders in the Tri State area. Sent.
- 01/30/14 Received a request from Kim Plache for a Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on September 1, 2014 at Thompson Park in Longmont, Colorado. Conformation Judge: Shen Smith. Sweepstakes Judge: Virginia Jones. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Kim. Information sent to R. Lynn-Shell for the Web Site.
- 01/30/14 An updated Officer and Membership List for the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club was received from Kim Plache.
- 02/02/14 A copy of the proposed 2014 Oak Grants, Collaborative Cancer Grants, and Bloat Grants was received from the AKC Canine Health Foundation.
- 02/07/14 Received a request from Cecilia Ballou, Cecilia.ballou@gmail.com, for information on Borzoi and breeders in the northeast. Sent.
- 02/10/14 Received a request for our election results from AKC.
- 03/02/14 Received a request from Bobbie & Jill Reichenenthal, aspenshighland@gmail.com, for a complete BCOA member Breeders List. She was informed that we do not share our membership list but that I would send her names of breeders in her area.
- 03/04/14 Received a request from Laurie Bradshaw for a Borzoi Club of Northern California Specialty to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, California. Conformation Judge: Jim Sillers. Sweepstakes Judge: Patricia Wiseman. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Laurie. Information sent to R. Lynn-Shell for the Web Page.
- 03/04/14 Received an updated Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey membership list from Lorene Connolly.
- 03/04/14 Received a request from Lorene Connolly for a Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey Specialty to be held with the Somerset Hills Kennel Club Show on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at north Branch Park in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Conformation Judge to be determined. Sweepstakes Judge: Pamela Mohr. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Lorene. Information sent to R. Lynn-Shell for the Web Page.
- 03/10/14 Received a request from Telerienne Jensen, telerienne@gmail.com, for breeders in the western U.S. Sent.
- 03/12/14 Received an inquiry from Carine Mortier from Belgium, carine-mortier@telenet.be, for an address for Gryffyn's Aeyrie Borzoi. Forwarded to R. Lynn-Shell.
- 03/12/14 Received a confirmation notice from AKC that they had received an update from K.C. Arley for the AKC Club Membership Listing Program.

- 03/13/14 Received correspondence from a member regarding inappropriate personal posts on the Borzoi List.
- 03/17/14 Received approval for a Sweepstakes event on 07/18/14 from AKC. Sweepstakes Judge: Sylvie Mcgee.
- 03/15/14 Received a request from Nicole Ford, Casting Producer with "Punched in the Head Production." looking for breeders and handlers who could participate in a new TV show. This was forwarded to the Board for suggestions. Prudence Hlatky felt this might be an AR group and suggested we be cautious. Lisa Peterson, Director of Club Communications at AKC was contacted, and she felt this program would not show breeders or clubs in a good light. She recommended that we not offer any club members to be filmed as part of this project.
- 03/18/14 Received a request from R. Lynn Shell for a Lone Star Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014, at the Belton Expo Center in Belton, Texas. Conformation Judge: Eugene Blake. Sweepstakes Judge: TBD. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to R. Lynn. Information sent to R. Lynn for the web page.
- 03/19/14 Received a request from Cindi Gredys to verify that BCGO only needs to submit the regional specialty event application and that there is no other approval needed. She was informed that she also needs to submit a current membership list.
- 03/19/14 Received approval from AKC for a Sweepstakes event on 07/18/14, in conjunction with an event to be hosted by the Houston Kennel Club. Sweepstakes Judge: Chris Moyer.
- 03/20/14 Received a request from Karen Miller for a Borzoi Club of New England Specialty to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2014, with the Big E in Springfield, MA. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Karen. Conformation and Sweepstakes judges to be determined. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the Web Page.
- 03.20/14 Received an updated Borzoi Club of New England Officer and Membership List from Karen Miller.
- 03/26/14 Received notification from Juliet Rigtrup the judge for the Borzoi Club of California Specialty has been changed to June Penta. Their Sweepstakes Judge is Cherie Hunchak and the Junior Judge is Catlin Cahill. Forwarded to R. Lyn Shell for the Web Site.
- 03/30/14 Received a request from Deborah Carlon, dzcarlon@earthlink.net, for breeders in the western U.S. Sent.

Treasurer's Report (KC Artley): For a copy of the current report, please contact KC Artley 3706 W. Jackson Rd. Springfield OH 45502-1129 kcartley@earthlink.net 937-325-1129

AKC Delegate (Barbara O'Neill): The AKC Delegate Meeting was held December 16, 2011, Orlando, Florida.

The Delegate body voted no on the proposed amendment to eliminate the prohibition of a person connected with dog food, dog remedy or kennel supply companies in the capacity of solicitor or sales man, from becoming an AKC judge.

The AKC Owner-Handler Series began January 2012 at select all breed shows. Judging will take place after Best of Breed judging in each breed ring. This competition will be open to all non-professional owner-handlers, whether experienced or novice. All dogs' eligibility must be indicated by checking the Owner-Handler box on the entry form at the time of entry and will be marked as Owner-Handler eligible with an asterisk (*) in the steward's book and catalog.

Owner-Handler Best of Breed will be selected from the dogs that are eligible to compete in the Best of Breed competition including Winners Dog and Winners Bitch. If the Best of Breed/Variety winner is Owner-Handler eligible, it will automatically be Owner-Handler Best of Breed/Variety. If BOB is ineligible and Best of Opposite Sex is eligible, BOS will compete against the eligible Best of Breed dogs of the other sex. If the BOB and BOS winners are both ineligible, the judge will choose Owner-Handler Best of Breed from the eligible Selects and eligible WD or WB. If one of the Selects is eligible, the

judge will excuse dogs of the same sex as the Select and judge the remaining dogs of the opposite sex including the eligible WD or WB. If the BOB, BOS and Selects are not eligible, the judge may choose any eligible dog remaining in the ring.

Based on points from Breed, Group and Best in Show wins accrued throughout the year, we'll rank the dogs and invite our top owner-handled exhibits to a special year-end event to compete for a Best Owner-Handler Award. AKC Owner-Handler Series Point Scale: (Note: Owner-Handler Series points do not contribute to championship points)

Best in Show - 100

Group 1 - 30

Group 2 - 20

Group 3 - 15

Group 4 - 10

Best of Best of Breed - 5

The March Delegate meeting will be held in Newark, New Jersey, March 13, 2012. A proposed amendment was read at the December meeting to create a new three-point major for Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch at the National Specialty, if the number of dogs is twice the number of point schedule for that region.

Election to the AKC Board, Class of 2016, will be at the March meeting. There are 7 candidates and three will be seated. The Nominating Committee slate is William J. Feeney, Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Thomas Powers, Kennel Club of Beverly Hills and Lynn Worth-Smith, Vizsla Club of America. I have attached the bios for all candidates.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara O'Neill

Biographical Information on Candidates for Vacancies on the AKC Board - Class of 2016

as submitted by those candidates

Patricia M. Cruz - Coram, NY

Today, the American Kennel Club faces many challenges and opportunities. We need problem solvers, innovators, and communicators on the AKC Board to achieve the success that is so necessary for our sport, our breeders, our puppy buyers, and our dogs. I have a unique combination of hands-on experience, specialized expertise, and a proven track record - plus over 40 years in the world of dogs.

As the former president of the civilian employee union in one of the largest police departments on the east coast and secretary of the county-wide union representing over 10,000 employees, I know how to create solutions that eliminate barriers to success and enlist the strong support of all parties. The AKC needs more outcomes like those. As one of the founders of the Owner Handler Association, I know how to create innovative thought leadership by consolidating a force in the fancy that had not been effectively harnessed previously and create positive change. As a professional journalist and author, I know how to create communications that yield understanding and motivation. And as a former AKC Field Representative, an active member of the Afghan Hound Club of America, an officer of Ladies Kennel Association of America and Riverhead Kennel Club, the Heart of the Plains KC Delegate, and an internationally-experienced judge, I know how to effectively address the issues we face in the sport we all love so dearly. I have the know-how to make a difference for the AKC. I am deeply committed to making that difference.

William J. Feeney - Cotati, CA

My involvement in our sport spans 33 years, largely found at www.birnamwood.com.

Although I have enough life experience to know the value of a dollar and benefits of a balanced budget, I cannot offer the AKC specific business experience and skills. There are fine Directors with business experience and skills; another business-person is not needed on the Board. I am a lawyer, but the Board doesn't need another lawyer. Rather, different thinking is necessary.

Part of the AKC's business model needs change. Casting a wide net to capture registrations has brought little change in the status quo. Instead, the AKC should consider making registrations more exclusive by a stronger commitment to quality control points. A concomitant marketing program would tell the world the AKC doesn't register every dog, only those meeting its high standards. The success of such an approach is not without precedent. Consider the experience of Apple, Inc., which was once teetering on the brink of existence with stagnant sales and limited market share. Following demanding standards and different thinking, Apple is now the world's most valuable company. A new class of non-voting, individual membership in the AKC should be considered as an additional source of support. Also, a true ear to constituents' concerns, and vigilance for fair and equal discipline will confirm for all that the AKC is a dependable ally. In the end, AKC's success is tied to the public's confidence it can get a good dog and a fair shake from the venerable AKC.

Thomas S. Powers – Northridge, CA

I am a second-generation dog fancier. Both my parents were active in our sport as breeders, exhibitor's club presidents, show chairs and as delegates. I have held all of those positions and have served on the Board's Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and currently as Chair of the South West Trial Board.

My wife and I continue to breed and exhibit Irish Wolfhounds and have exhibited and finished a number of Dachshunds, Beagles, Mastiffs and Harriers, including the number one Harrier in 1990, Ch. Powerscourt Patience DeAmo. I have practiced law in California for 35 years. I have represented individuals in matters as "simple" as co-ownership disputes and as complex as serious criminal or personal injury or contract/ workplace disputes. I have represented major corporations, including fortune 500 companies in all manner of controversies. I have provided legal and consulting services to corporate clients, and high net worth individuals, some with strong businesses and some with failing business models. Additionally, I have owned and operated a chain of dry cleaners, a chain of retail pet supply stores and a veterinary hospital. For each business I compiled the business plan, managed the businesses, made the payroll and developed and implemented the exit strategy. I have purposely reduced the volume of my practice in the last few years and have time and energy for the Director position.

John L. Ronald - Myersville, MD

Delegate Background

- Delegate, Samoyed Club of America - 24 years
- o My motion created the Delegate Committees
- o Chaired the Special Committee for the Future Nature of the Delegate Body
- o Current member of the All Breeds Committee
- o Former member: Board appointed Bylaws Committee.
- o Former member: Coordinating, Strategic Planning and Parent Club Committees
- o Edited Perspectives – 6 years

Professional Background:

- Retired Bank executive – Vice President, Head of Institutional Trust Department – Comerica Bank
- Management, financial analysis, investments, employee benefits, Not for Profit corporations
- Managed a unit dedicated to administering not for profit corporations. Sat on Boards of Trustees, prepared tax returns, participated in asset allocation decisions.
- Undergraduate degree: Marquette University, Graduate studies: University of Colorado Graduate School of Business
- Naval Officer

Purebred Dog Background :

- 4th generation Purebred dog fancier
- Served in elected positions for Samoyed Club of America - 36 years
- AKC Breeder of Merit
- Judge - Working Group & most of the Non-Sporting Group – 24 years
- Board member / Treasurer, American Dog Show Judges – 7 years
- Successfully owner-handled and bred BIS & BISS Samoyeds & Tibetan Terriers – 40 years

Important Assets:

My professional experience in management, finance, employee benefits and supervising the administration of nonprofit organizations gives me a unique skill set to contribute as AKC's Board manages the current decline in AKC's financial health. My management experience will complement the existing Board in its decision making process in a collegial and consultative manner.

Robert A. Schroll - Clarksville TN

BS in business administration from Southern New Hampshire University. Began showing Morgan horses in eighth grade and then onto Saddlebreds, eventually campaigning the top gaited horse in 1977. I became Ted Young's farm manager and it was at Tedwin Farm that I was introduced to the dog fancy. While working there I met many of the greats of our sport. I then continued working in transportation, running school buses for two districts and managing about 75 employees.

At Tedwin I met John Gammon and we moved to Tennessee in 1977 with an old Yorkie and even older Afghan [Shirkahn daughter]. I worked for both the Senate and House Engrossing of offices for several years. We got our first Cavaliers in 1977 and so began Ravenrush Cavaliers, known worldwide.

We have produced over 50 champions, four breeder-owner-handled National Specialty winners, two of the breeds top stud dogs, a dozen LOM and ROM sires/dams and more all-breed BIS winners than anyone in America. I am a founding director of my breed's parent club, wrote the breed standard with two others, the clubs bylaws with Hazel Arnold, filmed the breed video at Giralda and was the first Judges Education coordinator. I have belonged to my local KC for 30 years, held every office except treasurer, show chairman for 15 years, worked to make us a member club and have been its only Delegate. For 12 years I have never missed a single meeting and have served on the DRS Committee for nine years.

Larry Sorenson – Clayton, NC

I am asking for your vote to become a member of the AKC Board of Directors because I want to ensure a bright future for our organization. If we are to continue as a successful, strong brand, we must re-imagine our direction as an organization, increase revenues and revenue sources, and become more relevant to dog owners, breeders, and handlers who are our customers and followers.

Fortunately, AKC has strong resources, assets and options that can make that happen. But we are at a crossroads, and the next two years will make a fundamental difference in the life of AKC. I want to bring my fresh ideas, leadership experience and strong respect for the history and traditions of AKC, to the organization I love. If we are smart and strategic, we can both honor the past and change with the times to meet our challenges. I have shown dogs since 1962 and have finished many dogs to their AKC titles in conformation, obedience, field trial, earthdog, and CGC. I was a PHA member and an AKC licensed handler. I am a BOM and I judge conformation, field trail, earthdog, and will soon judge in obedience. I have held leadership positions in Dachshund Club of America, local specialty clubs, all-breed kennel clubs, and a group club.

I retired from the U.S. Navy as a Master Chief Petty Officer and from AKC as Director of Public Education and Director of Club Education.

Lynn Worth-Smith - Clarksville, VA

Dog Breeder and Exhibitor in Vizslas since 1970.

Have bred: Best in Show and Vizsla Club of America Hall of Fame dogs, Top Ten Sporting Breed dog, two VCA National Specialty Best of Breeds, sire of the first Vizsla Best in Show bitch in the U.S.,

Have bred and owned: Dual Champions, Top Ten Field Dogs (VCA). Personally finished 4 Amateur Field Champions with placements in the VCA National Amateur Field Championships.

Have served: (1) Vizsla Club of America Board of Directors since 1979.

(2) AKC Delegate since 1993.

(3) Secretary AKC Delegates Field Trial & Hunting Test Events Committee.

(4) Editorial Staff of Perspectives.

(5) Founder & President - Connecticut Valley Vizsla Club.

(6) President - Vizsla Club of Greater New York

(7) President -- Vizsla Club of America Welfare Foundation.

Editor of the Virginia Hunting Preserve Association's newsletter.

Licensed AKC Field Trial Judge and Hunting Test Judge.

Judged many show sweepstakes.

Chairman of 3 Vizsla Club of America National Field Championships

Freelance Writer: I have a degree in Journalism and have been published in several magazines relating to the canine world: Dog and Kennel; The Sporting Life; The Vizsla News; AKC Pointing Breed Field Trial News; AKC Gazette - Vizsla columns; Gun Dog and others.

Past Work Experience: Time Magazine & other related publications; local newspapers; publicity for several organizations including League of Women Voters, Girl Scouts of America; Public Relations assistant Silver Hill Foundation, Connecticut; Chairman Greater Bridgeport (Connecticut) Area Urban Coalition for inter-community educational practices, governor's campaign.

Regional Governors Spring 2014

Region 1 :Ron Williams

I need to start attending regional club meetings again. I'm planning on attending one this coming week.

I've addressed one inquiry on the Borzoi hunting issue. This member mis-read the comment and thought BCOA was in favor and supporting the hunt. This long-time member was afraid she would have to discontinue her membership if BCOA was supporting this.

I received a list of members that were in jeopardy of losing their membership due to not paying dues. I sent emails to everyone and happy to say they've been sending in their late dues.

I sent emails to all my local clubs to update the Officers page on the BCOA web site. Three of the four clubs need updated information. I've heard back from two of my clubs. I'm still working on this.

Region 3: Prudence Hlatky

Upcoming BCOA Region III events:

BCOA TSE - Houston Kennel Club - July 18, 2014

Judge: Jim Reynolds Sweeps: Sylvie McGee

Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Specialty - September 1, 2014

Judge: Shen Smith Sweeps: Virginia Jones

Lone Star Borzoi Club Specialty – September 20, 2014

Judge: Eugene Blake

Sweeps: TBD

Baton Rouge & Alexandria Kennel Clubs – 2 TSE in one weekend

23 January 2015

Judge: Lorraine Boutwell

Sweeps: KC Parks

24 January 2015

Judge: Megan Lord

Sweeps: Steve Sims

The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club had a very successful event on February 15, 2014. Pat Murphy judged regular classes and Patricia Wiseman, judged the sweeps. The event was well attended and a good time was had by all, especially the winners. Results have been published by other electronic means, so they will not be duplicated in this report.

The big burning issue since my last report was the AKC changing the CATS age limit. I was contacted by several members in the area who were in opposition this change. As the outcry was loud and widespread, the AKC listened, reversed their ruling, and changed the CATS age limit back to the more sensible 1 year.

I've received input from Region III membership on the BCOA triathlon, There has been discussion on what should be included and how it should rate in comparison to other events within the triathlon. This will be passed on to the Board of Directors.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Region 6: Joyce Katona

Nothing much has been happening in the region since my last report. I have updated the membership with information regarding the 2015 National plans including the logo and needed committee chairpersons.

I reminded them that we would like to honor borzoi who perform therapy work and that they could send stories and photos to Helen Lee. I also mentioned advertising dogs and new titles in the *Aristocrat*.

I again made the membership aware that they need to send June Mintchell any and all obedience, rally, agility and tracking wins for them to be included in the *Aristocrat*. That has since changed as Chris Danker has agreed to collect the agility stats. I will inform the members of this change in my next update.

I wanted the region to be aware of the depth of BCOA's commitment to the health and wellbeing of the breed, so I included the list from KC's report of all the donation's made by BCOA for 2013.

Finally, I included links for the members to use to find more information regarding the APHIS regulations, BCOA Board minutes and reports and the *Aristocrat*.

Annual Awards (Nancy G Katsarelas):

This once a year report always comes after most of work has been completed.

I have attached the 2013 award winners to this report. If you didn't already know we have a tie for ASFA TOP Borzoi runner.

The biggest problem every year is getting information. By the first of March I had not heard from one person or chairperson on the Top winners for this club year. Without the help and support of KC Artley and Rebecca Peters the awards would still be waiting for names.

Even with help we were on pins and needles with the winner of Top Open Field. I got one name and then the chair of that committee let us know we had the wrong person and dog. The top open field courser is always the last name to be received and I don't think that will ever change.

However all the problems were taken care of, the trophies have been ordered (There will be twelve because of the ASFA tie), and the plates are being engraved this week. The awards will be shipped

directly to New Mexico in care of Lenore Abordo. Leonore has stepped up to help insure that the awards are at the hotel and ready for the award banquet in plenty of time.

I have requested a tracking number be supplies so the shipment can be watched on its way to New Mexico.

Once again Melissa Pierce is preparing large pictures of our winners for a bulletin board. This will allow club members not attending the awards banquet a chance to see pictures of our beautiful winners.

And, once again, I will not be attending the Specialty but Rebecca, KC and Melissa will be ready to handle the award.

All our members' dogs are winners!

Have a wonderful Specialty!

2013 Annual Awards

2013 BCOA Top Conformation Borzoi

GCH Sylvan Silver Springbok Owners: Chris and Patti Neale

2013 BCOA Top Best of Opposite Sex Borzoi

GCH Aashtoria Wildhunt Hidden Agenda CGC Owners: Robin Riel, Charles Riel, Stuart McGraw

2013 BCOA Breeders of the Top Conformation Borzoi Christopher and Patti Neale, Sylvan Borzoi

2013 BCOA Top AKC Borzoi Lure Courser

FC C'Lestial Rose of Jericho SC Owner: Liz Green

2013 BCOA Top ASFA Borzoi Lure Courser

Silkenswift Midnite Rune FCH Owners: Francis Byrne and Bonnie Dalzell

2013 BCOA Top ASFA Borzoi Lure Courser

FC Windsheer K-C Red Light Special FCH, SC Owners: Kasey Parks and L. Lanier

2013 BCOA Top LGRA Borzoi

CH Silkenswift Bounce Into First Dawn SGRC2 Owners: Renee McCartin and Bonnie Dalzell

2013 BCOA Top NOTRA Racer

C'lestial TEC Firecracker of Ryhka FCH, ORC Owners: Diana Darling and Liz Green

2013 BCOA Top Borzoi Open Field Courser

Valeska Rarest of the Rare Owner: Linda Turner

2013 BCOA Top Obedience Borzoi

CH Riju Teine Fun & Games JC, CDX, RA Owners: Richard and June Mintchell

2013 BCOA Top Versatility Borzoi

CH Romanoc Gerhard's Gaze Of Coburn CDX BN GN RAE TD JC GRC Owner: Linda Beisswenger

2013 BCOA Top Junior Handler

Robin Stachon

Breed Welfare (Dee Jones):

Breed Welfare will sponsor the Costume Contest and Companion Class at Nationals in Albuquerque next month. The Costume Contest theme is *The Aliens Have Landed*, so dress your Borzoi how you imagine a Borzoi from another planet would appear and come compete Friday evening, right before the Art Auction. No entry fee.

Any Borzoi not entered in the Dog Show at Nationals is eligible for Companion Class. Bring your best buddy, obedience, performance, rescue, retired show star, most adored and cherished Borzoi and honor him/her. No entry fee.

Entry forms for both the Costume Contest and Companion Class will be available at the registration table during Nationals. Just take a blank form, complete it, place it back in the correct folder. Please write legibly. Please, Please complete your form before the last minute. It makes it difficult to organize these events and have the prizes, toys and other gifts ready at ringside when I do not know how many dogs are coming.

Placement Assistance: Breed Welfare is working on the development of a placement assistance program for BCOA members. The program will be similar to the one by BR-NC. Watch for details as we bring it together.

BR-NC (Nancy Joeckel):

2 puppies, 1 dog in Rescue, 4 dogs in Referral, 6 other dogs being heavily assisted by our network of help but not our funds.

Vet bills alone over \$1800 year to date. Income YTD \$900.

Complete information after the close of the first quarter.

NBRF (Liz Duncan-Burge):

Since January 1, 2014, NBRF has: taken in 7 borzoi; rescued borzoi have traveled approximately 4,296 miles;

Vet expenses \$869.90

Raised money through Benefit Wines totaling \$352.04

Had a very successful fundraising event, raising \$3,078.30

Mailed out 182 newsletters recently to former adopters.

Championship Medals (Chris Danker): Total of 145 Borzoi completed their Championships in 2013

Of that number, 93 were owned by BCOA members.

Health (Ginger Jones):

CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION & MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION GRANT RESEARCH:

Morris Animal Foundation I received their annual grants request report and reviewed the research grants for canines: nothing of significant interest for borzoi at this time.

Canine Health Foundation: I received the 2014 Oak grants list and reviewed these. While there are many important grants, as this time I am not prepared to submit a request for us to support any additional grants from this list.

I've been in touch with several more club members who have had Microphthalmia diagnosed in their dogs, some are puppies; others are adults. I have been communicating with Bonnie Dalzell regarding the California puppies and the caretaker of these puppies is willing to assist with DNA for research purposes. I've contacted the CHF regarding the establishment of a research project for this disease and have obtained out of cycle grants request papers for submission purposes to address this. I contacted the leading eye research candidate at Michigan State University, Dr. Simon-Peterson Jones, and he is very interested in helping us to pursue some investigative research for this disease. His proposal is to conduct research of the affected dogs using blood DNA as well as utilizing a control sample population, included pedigree analysis and combine this with overall eye health exam to investigate candidate gene screening. Microphthalmia can have several causes – a secondary eye disease condition, a genetic primary condition or an environmental trauma condition. His intent is to rule out those dogs that have either secondary disease condition or environmentally caused disease and focus on the dogs who exhibit purely genetic disease to determine if a candidate gene or group of genes associated can be identified. This would provide the foundation information necessary to determine if future research is warranted and viable to establish research for a specific mutated gene marker for the disease in borzoi.

This initial candidate gene screening is approximately a two-year or less study with associated costs around \$12,000. I have forwarded the Memorandum of Understanding and the submission request process from the CHF to Dr. Jones for his review and he will submit these to the CHF with BCOA board approval to move forward with this research. I highly suggest to the board that we approve this request and move forward with this initial research. I believe that, between the Health Committee and the newly formed Borzoi Health and Welfare group, we will be able to generate a substantial amount of funding towards this project. I would also request that we utilize the Purina Pro Club matching funds for this project and our other CHF matching funds can also be delegated to this particular project and include the proceeds from the sales of the last of the Borzoi Connection magazines. In addition, there is an opportunity to purchase the book "SPEAKING FOR SPOT" from Dr. Nancy Kay at a cost of \$5.65 per book with approval from her to sell these at a profit as a fundraiser for our initiatives. The book is outstanding and counsels dog/pet owners how to have a proactive approach to their animals welfare and how to have meaningful conversations about their healthcare with your veterinarian and specialists. It's extremely well written and very sound advice is contained within as well as what things to be observant about in your pet's behavior and routine to know if there is possibly some underlying condition going on. I would like approval to purchase 100 books at a total cost of \$565 and set up an online location on our web site where people can purchase this and our seminar videos via BCOA PayPal account if possible. I believe that we can and should sell these books at a cost of \$15 each, which will net the project a total of \$935.

K.I.T. (Edna Ogata):

Activity:

- December 7, 2013 – Get well card to K. Mays
- December 18, 2013 – Christmas greetings to members of KIT
- December 30 – 2013 – Get well card to I. Thompson
- January 11, 2014 – Birthday card to E. Forry

Register of Merit (Barbara Ewing):

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

DAMS:	
FC Avalon Rumor of Angels, FCh, GRC 2013)	ROMX (correction from Nov
Dibar's Krassnaya Roza	ROM-C
GCh Borscana Coyote Latrans	ROM-C
FC Zoiboyz Tornado V Rosehill, SC, FCh, GRC, CGC, JOR	ROM
Ch Laureate Adr'n Taking Flight	ROM-C
Ch Krestovskaja Anastacia, RA, SC, GRC, FCH, JOR, TT VLAA	ROM
Ch Windrift Keepin' The Faith	ROM-C
SIREs:	
GCh Aruzia Priority One JC CGC	ROM-C
GCh Aashtoria Wildhunt 4 Your I's Only, RA	ROM-C
Chabibi's Korona-Kazan	ROMX (upgrade from ROM)

It has been suggested that ROM titles earned should count towards titles earned by a sire or dam's offspring. I have mixed feelings on this even though I personally would benefit from it. Perhaps this should be brought up at the annual meeting, although I suspect the discussion would take on a life of its own. I'm not sure it follows the original intention of the program, which is to recognize titles earned in competition.

Specialty Committees (Barbara O'Neil):

Futurity

The 25th Anniversary celebration of the Futurity will be fabulous evening thanks to Joyce Katona, Event Chair. Unfortunately, Carol Kubiak-Zamora, our Futurity judge had to pull from the assignment. Michelle Luckey-Rowton has taken her place. The 2014 Futurity has closed with \$2,590 in the account and 2015 has \$420. Currently, the 2015 Futurity has 10 new Bitch nomination and 8 new litter nominations with 9 litters eligible from 2014. The 2015 forms are on the BCOA website.

National Specialty Guidelines

Guidelines are currently up-to-date. National Site & Facility Coordinator Guidelines have been sent to Roy Silguero (Region 2). Presentation for Region 2 - 2016 National Specialty will be due in Albuquerque.

2014 National Specialty - Albuquerque, NM

Everything is a go for the Specialty in Albuquerque with many special things planed. Judging schedule is on the website.

2015 National Specialty - Huron, Ohio

The Sawmill Creek Resort is a great location for the specialty with more dog walking area than ever before. Joyce Katona, the Facility/Specialty Coordinator, will make a presentation on the Specialty at the 2014 Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. Information will be in the next Aristocrat.

Club Inventory & Medals

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