

**Borzoi Club of America, Inc.
Board Meeting Teleconference
Monday 18 August 2014
Minutes**



The meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM EDT

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

Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by KCartley, to accept the minutes of the April 2014 meeting as published.

Officers' Reports :

Recording Secretary (Joy Windle)

Robin Casey moved, seconded by Joyce Katona to accept the Recording Secretary 's report. Motion carried.

Applications for Membership

Second Reading: Barbara O'Neill moved, seconded by KCartley, to accept into membership the following:

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

no email 623-412-2595

Sponsors: Toni Paskey/ Nancy Williams

Curtis Judd 9730 Gas House Pike Frederick, MD 221701-3197

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

First Reading: KCartley moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky,, to accept the applications of the following:

Marie Agun 3001 SE 410 Ave. Washougal, WA 98671

magun@pacifier.co 360-835-3292

Sponsors: Loretta Binder-Wheeler/ Lynda Sarman

Emma Gauthier 105 Cherry St. St. Louisville, NE

no email 402-234-3087

NO SPONSORS (Junior) d.o.b. 11/10/98

Janice Haldi 5111 Griffith Ave. Cheyenne, WY 82009

HALDIJ@yahoo.com 307-640-6098

Sponsors: Lyn Snyder Hoflin/ Karen Ackerman

Howard & Karen Spey POBox 149 Oldwick, NJ 08858

Karen.spey@yahoo.com 908-534-8466

Sponsors: Ron Williams/ Lena Tamboer/ Karen Staudt-Cartabona

If no correspondence regarding the applicants is received within 45 days of the publication of the minutes, the membership application is approved.

Applications for Mentorship: KCartley moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, to accept the following as Judges' Mentors:

Joyce Katona 7616 Pelham Dr. Chesterland, OH 44026-2011

jckat@roadrunner.com 440-729-7922

Barbara & Frederick Lord PO Box 90 Forest Junction, WI 54123-0090
warwind@tds.net 920-989-2712

BCOAMembersOnly: Currently 149 members No longer moderated. Members are invited to join the Group by going to <<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/BCOAMembersOnly/info>> and ask to join. Be sure to identify yourself by name so that your BCOA membership may be confirmed.

Corresponding Secretary (Karen Mays): Joy Windle moved, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, that the Board approve \$110 electricity for electricity at the Eukanuba Meet the Breeds; the motion carried. Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Joy Windle, that BCOA sponsor Medals for Conformation at the Eukanuba. Prudence Hlatky moved, seconded by Robin Casey, to accept the report; the motion carried.

Treasurer (KC Artley): Joy Windle moved, seconded by Ron Williams, to accept the report; the motion carried.

AKC Delegate (Barbara O'Neill): Joy Windle moved, seconded by Joyce Katona, to accept the report; the motion carried.

Regional Governors : Karen Mays moved, seconded by Joy Windle, to accept the report; the motion carried.

Standing Committees: Reports Robin Casey moved, seconded by Carol Enz, to accept the reports; the motion carried.

Aristocrat (Helen Lee, Editor): Kudos to Helen for her excellent work. It's good to see that advertising borzoi accomplishments in the *Aristocrat* is catching on.

Health (Ginger Jones): Updates on various research initiatives which BCOA is following. Ginger is also commended for her good work. The Board hopes that the calendar project will once again be supported by the membership.

Keeping in Touch:(Edna Ogata): Edna does a super job in helping our older, less active members to know they have not been forgotten. When members know of someone who has experienced a life change, please let Edna know: <troieshka@aol.com>

Legislative Liaison (Rita Rice): Thanks to Rita for her outstanding work keeping track of the various legislative actions around the country with potential to affect us and our Borzoi.

Meet the Breeds (Ron Williams): The New York Meet the Breeds, previously held at the Javits Center the last weekend in September, has been moved to Westminster weekend at the Piers.

National Specialty Committees (Barbara O'Neill):

2015 (Ohio) Judging from the number of bitches and litters nominated, the Futurity is expected to be a large one.

Trophy Chair Rita Rice is planning a Trophy Raffle: Each trophy donation made before the 1 March Yearbook deadline in \$25 increments will entitle the donor to a ticket in a special raffle. The prize: a free yearbook ad. A second ticket will be drawn at the Specialty for a prize, yet to be determined.

2016 (Kansas) Joy Windle moved, seconded by Robin Casey, to approve judges for lure coursing & Obedience/Rally-O; the motion carried.

Joy Windle moved, seconded by Prudence Hlatky to offer lure coursing judges a flat \$200 +1 night hotel ; the motion carried.

2017 (Maryland) Roy Silguero is prepared a proposal for a specialty at Hunt Valley Hotel, to be presented at the May 2015 Board meeting.

Nominating Committee (Robin Casey Committee: G. Ariel Duncan & Veni Harlan): The Committee submits the following slate of officers and regional governors for the 2015 thru 2017 term:

Recording Secretary: Joy Windle

Treasurer: Rita Rice

AKC Delegate: Barbara O'Neill

Region 2 Governor: Kasey Parks

Region 4 Governor: Marcella Zobel

Region 6 Governor: Joyce Katona

Unexpired terms:

President: Rebecca Peters-Campbell

Vice President: Carol Enz

Corresponding Secretary: Karen Mays

Region 1 Governor: Ron Williams

Region 3 Governor: Prudence Hlatky

Region 5 Governor: Robin Casey

Registry of Merit (Barbara Ewing): Joy Windle moved, seconded by Barbara O'Neill, to accept the report; the motion carried.

Dam: Avalon Tigress in the Dark, FCh, GRC, CC, CM, VFCh ROMX (upgrade from ROM)

Sire: GCH DC Ashtoria Irishbrook Wild Hunt LeMans, SC, RA, FCh, GRC ROM

Unfinished Business

New Title Medallions: 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 O'Neill from the electronic file provided by the AKC to BCOA. The BCOA member must send Kasey Parks 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."

BCOA Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Breeders (Joy Windle, Joyce Katona, & Lorrie Scott): The Board devoted considerable time to revise both documents to reflect current best practices. Members will receive copies of the *BCOA Code of Ethics* and *Guidelines for Breeders* with the dues notice in November. A signature line will be provided on the dues notice to affirm member's agreement with and support of the Code of Ethics. An Honor Roll of those signing will be published. The Board regards this as an important tool in our combat against the forces which would outlaw the keeping of purebred dogs.

2015 Yearbook (Helen Lee): The on-line submission form will be available by 1 September. Please encourage members to support this important historical project.

BCOA Inventory (KC Artley): Inventorying the numerous boxes of BCOA publications, including copies of the original Blue Book, is finally complete. Kudos to KC for completing this huge undertaking! Carol Enz will create a price list.

Beverly Taylor Rescue Committee (clarify vote): **KC Artley** moved, seconded by Joy Windle, to confirm membership for 2014: KC Artley, Robin Casey, Roy Silguero (Board); Shen Smith and Karen Denning. The motion carried with Robin Casey and Lorrie Scott opposed.

New Business

Fall Face-to-Face Board Meeting: Saturday 1 November 2014 in San Antonio, TX. Prudence Hlatky will make hotel arrangements.

Annual Membership Meeting 2015: Barbara O'Neill will do her best to schedule the meeting for the best time on Friday.

Changes to 2015 Dues Form (also see draft revision of Code of Ethics & Breeder Guidelines):

The dues notice will include copies of the revised Code of Ethics & Guidelines for Breeders. A line for member's signature, pledging support of said Code & Guidelines.

Puppy Buyer Complaint about BCOA Member/Seller : Documents and correspondence will be sent to Karen Mays and Robin Casey to assist in BCOA's mediation of the dispute and to offer the buyer support.

Tabled for the November meeting:

Member Placement Draft (Dee Jones): Board asked to study the proposal

Judge for 2015 Dual Champions stakes

Revision of Judges' Education Rebecca asked that we print docs [Judges' Education Proposal (Region 6) and Judging Improvement Committee (Barb Ewing)], make notes, and be ready to discuss.

Member Education: charge \$5-10 fee.

Frances Louise Martin Legacy: How best to use \$12,000? Junior Handling Scholarship and Health Research have been suggested.

Breeder Referral /Annual Meeting vote: A workable solution is required.

Revised 'brochures' for BCOA.or

The hour being late, Barbara O'Neill moved for **Adjournment at 11:10 PM**

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (Karen Mays):

1 April – 10 August 2014

- 04/01/14 Received an announcement from AKC regarding their Advanced Hound and Herding Breeds Institute for Judges to be held December 9 – 12 in conjunction with the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show. They asked for an approved list of presenters for BCOA. Patti Neale was contacted and has accepted.
- 04/01/14 Received a request from Robert Bragan regarding information on Borzoi. Sent
- 04/02/14 Received a phone request from Connie Hospodar in Canton, GA, seeking a rescue Borzoi. Was referred to NBRF.
- 04/02/14 Received a request from Eugene Barban, eugene@gmail.com, for breeders in NC, SC, and GA. Sent.
- 04/16/14 Received a request from Patricia Wiseman for a Puget Sound Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on Friday, August 22, 2014 in conjunction with the Sammamish Kennel Club Show at King County Marymoor Park in Redmond, WA. Conformation Judge: Jim White. Sweepstakes Judge: Sara Ose. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Patricia Wiseman. Information sent to R. Lynn-Shell Whitlock for the calendars.
- 04/14/14 Received an additional request from Patricia Wiseman for a second Puget Sound Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on Saturday, August 23 at the King County Marymoor Park in Redmond, WA. Conformation Judge: Carol Spritzer. Sweepstakes Judge: Corrine Miller. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Patricia. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for the calendars.
- 04/14/14 Received an updated Officer and Membership List for the Puget Sound Borzoi Club from Patricia Wiseman.
- 04/18/14 Received an updated Officer and Membership List for the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha from Paula Steenson.
- 04/18/14 Received a request from Paula Steenson for a Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha Specialty to be held on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Conformation and Sweepstakes Judges to be determined. Approval sent to AKC with copies to Paula Steenson and Kay Cassella and information sent to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for the calendars.
- 04/18/14 Received an additional request from Paula Steenson for a second Borzoi Club of Omaha Specialty to be held on Sunday, November 23, 2014 at the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Conformation and Sweepstakes Judges to be determined. Approval sent to AKC with copies to Paula and Kay Cassella and information sent to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for the calendars.
- 04/20/14 Received a request from Rose Blatt, beachrose44@gmail.com, for breeders in SC and Kentucky. Sent. Another request on 04/28 expanded her search to breeders on the east coast. Sent.
- 04/21/14 Received a request from Karen Spey wanting to renew her membership in BCOA. Forwarded to Joy Windle.
- 04/23/14 Received the close-out forms for the 2014 National Specialty in Albuquerque. Forwarded to Barbara O'Neill.
- 04/28/14 Received a request from Tammie Fiorella, Tammie.fiorella@gmail.com, for breeders on the east coast. Sent.
- 04/28/14 Received a request from Aliaksandr Hudziin, Aliaksandr.hudzlin@gmail.com for breeders in Northern California. Sent.
- 05/02/14 Received a thank-you from Liz Duncan-Burge, Secretary/Treasurer of NBRF, for the \$12,000.00 gift from the Beverly Taylor Trust Account.
- 05/08/14 Received a request from Peggy Neumeier, cowmama@comcast.net, for breeders in Indiana. Sent.
- 05/10/14 Received a copy of the Spring Issue newsletter from the AKC Canine Health Foundation. We are among the clubs listed for utilizing 10% of our Donor Advised Funds to support research in 2014.
- 05/12/14 Received information from AKC that they have expanded their Therapy Dog Titling Program.
- 05/13/14 Received a request from Carol Perez, photogirlz49@gmail.com, for breeders in UT, IA, ID, NE, and KS. Sent.
- 05/15/14 Received a phone request from David Williamson for breeders in the Nashville area.
- 06/03/14 Received an invitation from AKC to submit nominations for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards.
- 06/03/14 Received an announcement from AKC that they will now recognize titles earned by dogs competing in events sanctioned by North American Diving Dogs (NADD) an independent governing body for canine dock diving.

06/04/14 Received approval for a Sweepstakes event on 05/13/15 at the Sawmill Creek Lodge in Huron, Ohio. Sweepstakes judge: Barbara Skinner.

06/04/14 Received a notice that our 05/14/15 specialty event cannot be approved because it conflicts with the Kokomo, Genessee County and Blennerhasset Kennel Club events. Forwarded to Barbara O'Neill.

06/16/14 Received a request for information regarding a breeder in NY from Claire Meldrum, c_c_meldrum@cogeco.ca, . She was informed the breeder is a member of BCOA, has signed our Code of Ethics and is listed in our Breeder Directory.

06/17/14 Received a request from Laura Cottrell lauracottrell@yahoo.com; for information on Borzoi and breeders in Ohio. Sent.

06/19/14 Received an invitation to hold an event at the Riviera Hotel and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip. They indicated they have had years of experience with specialty shows and had great success.

06/20/14 Received a check needing my co-signature from K.C. Artley. Signed and returned.

06/22/14 Received a request from AKC to sponsor the Parent Club Medallion Awards at the AKC Invitational Show in Orlando.

06/22/14 Received a request from AKC to participate in the Meet the Breeds at the AKC Invitational Show in Orlando. Electricity will be available for a \$110.00 fee.

06/22/14 Received a request to participate in the Parent Club Self-Evaluation Program.

06/30/14 Received a request from Sue Carrara, SCarrara@axiomed.com, for breeders in Ohio. Sent.

08/10/14 Received a request from Taylor Berkowitz, taylor.g.berkowitz@gmail.com who is interested in becoming a Junior Handler and would like to show a Borzoi but is currently unable to own a dog. She would like to be mentored in exchange for volunteering her assistance with dog shows or other needs. She was sent a list of breeders in her home state of California.

07/12/14 Received a request from Jessica Pascheke, jessh7@gmail.com, looking for a breeder for a dog for her mother who wants to train it as a psychiatric service dog for her brother. She was referred to breeders in Florida.

07/16/14 Received a request from Chris and Lisa Klug, cklug1954@live.com, for breeders in Florida. Sent.

07/18/14 Received a request from Julie Morrison, mgreyhounds@gmail.com, for breeders near Kansas City. Sent.

07/18/14 Received a request from Karina Mertzman, kmertzman@gmail.com, for breeders in Colorado. Sent.

07/22/14 Received a request from AKC to participate in a survey to learn what clubs contribute to local Police Departments and their K-9 programs.

7/24/14 Received an update on the AKC National Owner-Handled Series.

08/7/14 Received AKC approval for a Sweepstakes event to be held at the Alexandria Riverfront Center in Alexandria, LA on 01/23/15. Sweepstakes Judge: Kasey Parks

08/07/14 Received AKC approval for a Sweepstakes event to be held at the Alexandria Riverfront Center in Alexandria, LA on 01/24/14. Sweepstakes Judge: Stephen Sims.

08/08/14 Received a request from AKC to notify Keith Bonin, the host event chairman for the Specialty being held on 01/24/2015 in Alexandria, AL. Their correspondence to him was undeliverable. Contacted Gwen Post and Dee Jones to see if they were members of the club and could relay the information.

08/09/14 Received a request from Elizabeth Symanski for a Borzoi Club of Greater New York specialty to be held on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at the Sussex City Farm and Horseshow Grounds in Augusta, NJ. Conformation Judge: Laura Hyatt. Sweepstakes Judge: Lynne Allen. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Elizabeth Symanski. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell-Whitlock for the calendars.

08/09/14 Received an updated Officer and Membership List for the Borzoi Club of Greater New York from Elizabeth Symanski.

Treasurer (KC Artley): Please contact the Treasurer <kcartley@earthlink.com> for a copy of this report.

AKC DELEGATE (Barbara O'Neill):

The AKC Delegate meeting was held Monday, 9 June 2014, Newark, NJ.

There was a vote on a proposed amendment to the AKC Charter & Bylaws at the June meeting. The amendment would remove restrictions on Delegate membership for certain classes of persons previously excluded from membership. It opens membership to judges who charge a fee in excess to expenses; professional handlers; persons who engage in the retail sale of dog food or dog supplies; or who publish or promote show dogs/kennels through solicitation or acceptance of advertisements in commercial dog publication; and dog show superintendents. It also adds convictions for animal cruelty as a reason for not approving or for removing a Delegate. BCOA voted "no" and the amendment did not pass by a significant number.

At the July AKC Board meeting, the following changes in the National Owner Handled Series were approved. They include:

1. Removing the limitation that dogs co-owned with a professional handler are not eligible to be exhibited in the NOHS. Professional handlers would still be prohibited from handling the dog in the NOHS. This rule change simply allows for situations such as a new exhibitor who co-owns their dog with a breeder that officially meets the definition of a professional handler. This new exhibitor would now be eligible to participate in the NOHS.

2. Changing the definition of professional handler to add "within the last five years" at the end. With this update, fanciers who handled (for pay) other people's dogs, or on occasion for a friend, would be able to compete in the NOHS after a term of five years. Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay within the last five years.

3. Automatically marking all entries from the Amateur-Owner-Handler class as eligible for the AKC NOHS. This change was made to widen the pool of eligibility into the NOHS and to lessen the confusion between the class and the special attraction.

The next Delegate Meeting will be held September 8 in Newark, NJ. An agenda has not been determined.

Regional Governors

Region 1_Ron Williams: Nothing to report

Region 2_Roy Silguero: The Potomac Valley Borzoi Club's Fall Specialty on Saturday 25 October 2014 in Leesburg, VA. Closing date: Wednesday 10/08/14.

Regular Judge: Ms. Karen A. Dumke, Sweeps Judge: John Arvin Super. MB-F. Inc.

Also, we're seeing about the BCOA National Specialty 2017 to be held in the Baltimore, MD area . More to come later.

Region 3: Prudence Hlayky

Upcoming events:

Lone Star Borzoi Club Specialty – September 20, 2014 - coordinator RLynn Shell

Judge: Eugene Blake - Sweeps: Leonore Abordo

Baton Rouge & Alexandria Kennel Clubs – 2 TSE in one weekend – coordinator Veni Harlan
January 23 & 24, 2015

Judge: Lorraine Boutwell - Sweeps: KC Parks

Judge: Megan Lord - Sweeps: Steve Sims

Recent BCOA Region III events:

The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Specialty is scheduled for the first weekend of September. If past history is any indication it will be a well attend, well run and successful event. The judges are Shen Smith for regular classes and Virginia Jones for sweeps.

July saw the BCOA TSE in conjunction with the Houston Kennel Club. The judges were Jim Reynolds for regular classes and Sylvie McGee for sweeps. With majors each day several Borzoi finished their championship, congratulations. It was wonderful to see the entry of 40,40,36 Borzoi over the three days.

[BCOA National, Lawrence Kansas April 2016](#)

Region 3's big news since my last report is that the 2016 BCOA National will be held in Lawrence, Kansas April 9, 2016 – April 16, 2016. It's the same site as the 2011 BCOA National. Kay Cassella and I are co-coordinators of the Facility and Event logistics. We still have committee openings to fill. Please don't be shy, as we would love to have you volunteer for as much or as little as you can. It is a wonderful way to become involved in the workings of the BCOA National and a great way to meet other Borzoi lovers. We welcome members from other regions to join our team.

Two items have come to my attention which I want to mention.:

The first is keeping in touch with our older members and being willing to step in to assist before there is a crisis. We hate to admit it but we are aging and our ability to continue as we have is slowly decreasing. In the not so distant past several of our members have faced major health or life issues and have faced heart-wrenching decisions about their beloved Borzoi. Being there before a life crisis should be a major consideration as we look at some of our older members.

Second is the recent dissatisfaction by members that has arisen as a result of somewhat less than stellar judging of our breed. One case ended up as a hot discussion in the ring between a judge, a breeder-owner and a knowledgeable handler. The Board has received several proposals to address the continuing education of breed judges. Please feel free to send me your comments or proposal on this subject.

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

Region 4_Lorrie Scott: Nothing to report

Region 5_Robin Casey

Puget Sound Borzoi Club is gearing up for their August back to back specialties.

Friday, August 22, 2014

Saturday, August 23, 2014

Sweepstakes judge: Sara Ose

Sweepstakes judge: Corrine Miller

Regular Judge: Charles Bagnell

Regular judge: Carol Spritzer

Plans are well on track for the International Borzoi Council which will take place in Pleasanton, CA from October 14-20 2014, in conjunction with the BCNC specialty and the Del Valle Kennel Club shows. Puget Sound Borzoi Club is a proud supporter of this special event with our own Kristina Terra as the event coordinator.

Some of the persons scheduled to speak are our own Kristina Terra, Dr. Jim Sillers, Karen Staudt-Cartabona, Dr. Anne Midgarden, our own Yvonne McGehee and Ginger Jones.

For further information you can visit the IBC website: <<http://www.2014.ibc.com>>

Region 6_Joyce Katona

I attended the Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty in Kalamazoo, MI. It was well attended with 5-point majors being awarded in both sexes. I held a brief meeting to update the members on the progress of the National and to ask for input on activities and services planned.

The National plans are coming along well. I am still in need of a Welcome Committee, but all other committees have chairmen and plans are moving along. I am excited to be able to once again offer the Duel Champion Sweepstakes. Several special attractions that have never been offered before are also in the works. I will be attending the Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty in Cudahy, WI on August 9 and will be available to speak with any member who may have a question. I am happy to see the region is coming out to support the event with 59 Borzoi entered. Upcoming events in Region 6 include back-to-back Specialties being offered by the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha on November 15 - 16 and of course, the 2015 National Specialty in Huron, OH on May 10 – 16 with a Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty following on May 17.

Standing Committee Reports

August 2014

Conformation Championship Medals (Chris Danker):

For the 1st quarter, 31 Borzoi completed their championships.

17 of these are owned by BCOA members, their owners are eligible to receive medals.

Health (Ginger Jones):

**CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION & MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION GRANT RESEARCH:
MORRIS ANIMAL FOUNDATION:**

I received the final update on Dr. Fenger's osteosarcoma study that we supported – IDENTIFYING GENETIC FACTORS OF BONE CANCER - Joelle M. Fenger, DVM, The Ohio State University. Final report attached.

The next step study based off of this research has been submitted to Morris and they are requesting funding support for this initiative. Below is the description of the research continuation proposal.

Determining How Overexpression of miR-9 Helps Osteosarcoma Spread

Dr. Cheryl A. London, Ohio State University, D14CA-057

Total Study Cost: \$109,322

Fewer than 50 percent of dogs with osteosarcoma live longer than one year after amputation and chemotherapy, and no significant advances in treatment or survival rates have occurred in the past 20 years. Researchers will evaluate how overexpression of a small microRNA (miR-9) influences the development of canine osteosarcoma, particularly how miR9 helps osteosarcoma cells spread. This project will characterize a key factor associated with osteosarcoma's aggressive behavior in dogs, thereby providing a critical platform for the development of more effective therapies that block the effects of miR9. The ultimate goal of this work is to improve the survival of dogs affected by this cancer.

CANINE HEALTH FOUNDATION:

Grant status reports: (Please find PDF's at the end of all reports)

I received the 1 year-end report of research grant #1753 Identification of Genetic Factors That Alter the Severity of Cardiomyopathy – Dr. Kathryn M. Meurs, DVM PhD – see attached.

I received the final report of research grant #1467 Understanding Laryngeal Paralysis to Provide Better Treatment – Dr. Bryden J. Stanley, BVMS – see attached.

I would appreciate it if both of these status reports could be posted to the BCOA Health website or other appropriate location.

I received information from CHF regarding 3 new approved research grants on Reproduction;

02118-A: Targeting the Mechanism of Bacterial Adherence during Pyometra to Develop an Effective, Non-Invasive Treatment for Disease

Principal Investigator: Dr. Cordula Bartel, PhD; University of Veterinary Medicine of Vienna

Total Grant Amount: \$10,368.00; Grant Period: 7/1/2014 - 11/30/2014

02123-A: Identifying the Gene Responsible For Inherited Infertility and Sterility in 28 Breeds

Principal Investigator: Dr. Vicki Meyers-Wallen; Cornell University

Total Grant Amount: \$12,960.00; Grant Period: 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015

02124-A: Determining the Characteristics of Sperm That Accurately Predict Fertility of Stud Dogs

Principal Investigator: Dr. Stuart Meyers, DVM, PhD; University of California, Davis

Total Grant Amount: \$12,960.00; Grant Period: 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015

Since the club membership has advised that they only want HC funds to be spent on research for our top 3 health concerns: Cancer, bloat and heart disease, I am not requesting approval for financial support of these studies but am providing them to the board and membership for informational purposes only.

I received notification from the CHF that they have received our club's funds from participation in the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program. As it takes several weeks to reconcile accounts and provide an accurate accounting of funds, biannual DAF statements will be mailed at the end of August, a delay of one month.

I received the mid-year CHF Newsletter which included notification of AKC donation match for new donors to CHF or donors who have not made a contribution since December or 2011. Donations can be specifically directed to DAFs but the AKC 1 for 1 matching funds will go to the general CHF research fund to be used for approved grants requiring funding. Also included in the newsletter was information that business owners now have the opportunity to collect donations for CHF during checkout through credit card terminals! A link with more information was provided: <http://www.akcCHF.org/news-events/news/helping-dogs-live-longer.html>

Additionally a request for participation was issued with a link that provided specific areas where participation is needed: <http://www.akcCHF.org/research/participation-needed/>
It could be very beneficial information to our membership if we could add these links to our BCOA website where appropriate.

2015 NATIONALS CLINICS AND SEMINAR:

Plans are underway to offer a thyroid clinic, heart clinic with both auscultation and echo and collect blood samples for our DNA repository program with the CHF. While we have collected swab samples at several nationals in the past, it has become apparent that the research community needs blood samples along with the health history and 3 to 5 generation pedigrees in order to support their study requirements. The swab samples that we now have stored with the CHF would be reaching the end of their useful shelf life, so no further attempts will be made to collect DNA swabs for this purpose. The HC intends to offer to cover the costs for the submission for any dog that receives anything other than a normal heart evaluation at the nationals. The hope is that this will help to expedite specific sample collections of affected dogs for future heart disease research. The OFA will assist us with a special clinic procedure and discounted registration fee. Due to the significant costs to conduct thyroid clinics and DNA repository submission, I am not submitting a request to support the above Morris Animal Foundation Osteosarcoma continuation grant until I'm certain we can cover the clinics and the grant from our current HC funds available. By the next board meeting I should have a complete compilation of the costs versus our available finances and will make a recommendation at that time if we have sufficient finances to support this grant.

Plans for the regular seminar are on hold pending board decision about using our Wednesday evening seminar slot for a membership beach party. If the board prefers the seminar, then I will begin contacting the research candidates working on the CHF Bloat initiative.

CALENDAR PROJECT FUNDRAISER:

Through the efforts of Chairperson Renee McCartin and her assistants, Nancy Hopkins, Jan Butkowsky, Melissa Patterson, Maria Dobbs, and Anna Marie Stewart, this group has raised \$1500 through the calendar sales which are contributed to our Borzoi Donor Advised Fund with the Canine Health Foundation specifically earmarked for heart research to benefit the borzoi breed. Their efforts and dedication to the breed are extraordinary and so very much appreciated!

Keeping In Touch (Edna Ogata):

Activities:

March 16, 2014 - Birthday card to M. Endicott

March 21, 2014 - Birthday card to L. Bond

March 24, 2014 - Birthday card to D. Constant

April 6, 2014 - Sympathy cards to J. Sellars and K. Miller

April 12, 2014 - Birthday card to K. Kostishack

April 25, 2014 - Birthday card to G. Hinkle

May 19, 2014 - Birthday card to R. Barger

Please let us know of any member who could use a friendly touch from KiT.

Legislative Liaison (Rita Rice):

State Legislatures are out of session for summer recess, with little update or resolution on bills pending through the spring.

At the moment, I think that the majority of the fancy is still focused on the APHIS AWA regulations, and the impact that the instructions in the Farm Bill will have on its ultimate enforcement.

As of July, APHIS addressed one of the issues regarding the new regulations, with a more streamlined appeals process for inspections:

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) conducts inspections of a wide variety of animal facilities, including dog kennels and breeding facilities as part of its role in enforcing the Federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

The USDA has recently revised its inspections appeals process to ensure that those who are inspected by the USDA and wish to appeal or inquire about a specific item cited on their inspections report have ample opportunity for their concerns to be reviewed and addressed.

The July 2014 Appeals Process Fact Sheet states, "The goal for this new process is threefold: to bring about quicker appeals resolutions; to maintain consistency in the appeals process; and to ensure that subject matter experts are involved in reviewing each appeal."

APHIS has not issued any other response to the directives issued in the Farm Bill, and as of August, we are still unsure what changes will be made to the new regulations.

Anyone interested in learning more about registering as a USDA breeder can read through the Registration Packet:

<https://web01.aphis.usda.gov/ApplicationKit.nsf/application?OpenForm>

The registration process allows for a Pre-Registration Inspection to allow breeders to meet their USDA Inspector and learn what, if any, changes need to be made to their facilities in order to comply with the new act.

I took advantage of the opportunities provided by our state lobbying organization – RPOA-TX – to attend the Texas Republican Convention. My 4 year-old borzoi, Barnabas, attended all three days to promote our booth and be an advocate for responsible breeding. In addition, I learned a great deal about the legislative process, as did all the attendees for RPOA. Barnabas also attended the Texas Democratic Convention. I continue to gather information so that I can better understand the legislative process and do a more comprehensive job reporting to BCOA. Personal issues occupied a great deal of the time I had dedicated to this during the summer, but I'm back on track for the fall!

As always, if the Board would like me to address specific issues, or more complete information on a bill or legislative process, please let me know, and I'll do my best to oblige!

Rescue & Welfare (Dee Jones):

Placement Assistance Program: I submitted a draft of a proposed program to assist members in placing dogs when special assistance is needed. Barbara O'Neill has the submission and will present it to the Board of Directors for consideration and in-put. The program is loosely based on a similar program by NR-NC

Companion Parade: Breed Welfare will again sponsor the Companion Parade at the National Specialty in 2015. Everyone is encouraged to enter their best buddies, be they rescues, pets, retired show or performance dogs; all Borzoi are eligible if they are not entered in nationals show competition.

Costume Contest: Breed Welfare will also sponsor the Costume Contest. In honor of the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame being located near the National Specialty Site, the theme will be Rock N Roll is Here to Stay. Dress your Borzoi as your favorite rock star, maybe teach him/her to jitter bug, and be ready to roll! All Borzoi are eligible.

Borzoi Rescue – North California: Submitted by Nancy Joeckel, via the BR-NC Website

Second Quarter Dogs in Rescue

All Borzoi placed through BR-NC Adoption are spayed/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.

Mattie 2014: Surrendered by owner due to changes in owner's circumstances.

Royce 2014: Surrendered by owner due to owner's health.

Shanti 2013: Shanti remains in foster care as we search for an appropriate home for him.

Second Quarter 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. The following Borzoi was in the Referral Program this quarter. All were current on vet care and microchipped before placement. Yearlings & adults were spayed/neutered. Puppies are to be altered at one year, and BR-NC will supervise those contracts.

Peg 2014: young adult female

Other Dogs Assisted by BR-NC

Two other Borzoi were assisted by BR-NC during this period without need for our funds. One senior female was immediately picked up and taken back by the breeder; the second dog went directly to a new home checked by us.

NBRF's Income Statement for the second quarter is available to members by contacting Liz Duncan-Burge. <zanozaborzoi@aol.com>

Registry of Merit (Barbara Ewing):

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

DAMS:Avalon Tigress in the Dark, FCh, GRC, CC, CM, VFCh ROMX (upgrade from ROM)

SIRES: GCH DC Ashtoria Irishbrook Wild Hunt LeMans, SC, RA, FCh, GRC ROM

Specialty Committees (Barbara O'Neill):

Futurity: The 2015 Futurity will close November 12, 2014. Currently, the 2015 Futurity has 29 new Bitch nomination and 24 new litter nominations with 9 litters eligible from 2014. Currently, there is \$1,740 in the 2015 account.

National Specialty Guidelines are currently up-to-date. National Site & Facility Coordinator Guidelines have been sent to Roy Silguero (Region 2). Region 2 presentation for 2017 is due at the Board meeting in Huron, Ohio. Region 2 has until the November Board meeting to commit to the 2017 National or pass to the next region in rotation.

2014 Specialty Income & Expenses Summary

as of 6/10/14

AUCTIONS (SILENT & VERBAL)	\$7,776.00	\$3,693.76	\$4,082.24
BCOA WELFARE/RESCUE	\$195.00		\$195.00
JUNIOR FUND	\$55.00		\$55.00
CATALOGS	\$5,243.00	\$2,053.64	\$3,189.36
CGC TESTING	\$250.00	\$195.00	\$55.00
DINNER AUCTION	\$515.00		\$551.00
GARAGE SALE	\$1,571.00		\$1,571.00
GROUNDS & EQUIPMENT	\$3,850.00	\$1,797.33	\$2,052.67
HOSPITALITY	\$600.00	\$2,709.31	(\$2,109.31)
HOTEL/MEALS	\$10,218.00	\$15,785.97	(\$5,567.97)
JUDGES & STEWARDS		\$1,988.27	(\$1,988.27)
FIELD EVENTS	\$1,680.00	\$2,153.81	(\$473.81)
MEMBER SEMINAR		\$634.42	(\$634.42)
MISC.		\$295.98	(\$295.98)
OPEN FIELD PARADE	\$320.00		\$320.00
RAFFLES/AUCTION	\$1,455.00	\$755.00	\$699.10
SHOW CHAIRMAN		\$654.40	(\$654.40)
SHOW SECRETARY	\$8,955.00	\$5,438.19	\$3,516.81
SPECIALTY SALES	\$7,786.25	\$6,389.17	\$1,397.08
SWEEPSTAKES	\$1,331.00	\$1,052.50	\$278.50

TROPHIES	\$5,802.00	\$6,647.90	(\$845.90)
VENDORS	\$725.00	\$190.00	\$535.00
VIDEOGRAPHER	\$1,738.50	\$2,671.15	(\$982.15)
Total Income	\$60,065.75		
Total Expenses	\$55,105.80		
Profit	\$4,959.95		

2015 National Specialty (Huron, Ohio)

Joyce Katona, the Facility/Specialty Coordinator, is pulling everything together for the big week next year. I have received approval for all events except the actual specialty & one lure judge. There was conflict with three all-breed clubs for our dates. Release of Borzoi from the three clubs has been received and we are waiting to hear from the AKC for the approval. Note: the AKC has requested that we use “stakes” instead of “sweepstakes” when referring to the Dual Champion Stakes. All issues relating to the field events have been resolved. We will be offering LGRA on-site on Sunday with an AKC Trial, two JC Test and a QC Test off-site on Monday. In addition to the CGC Test, this year we will also offer TDI Test which is required to become a Certified Therapy Dog. There are wonderful plans in the making by the Hospitality Chairs, Caryl Dumaine & Kay Cassella. They would like the BCOA to host a “Beach Party” on the shores of Lake Erie. In order to fit this into our schedule I am asking the Board to permit a one-time suspension of the Health Dinner Seminar on Wednesday evening. I have been in touch with Ginger Jones and she has not found a speaker of yet and is more than willing to relinquish Wednesday evening.

2016 National Specialty (Lawrence, Kansas)

Kay Cassella and Caryl Dumaine, the Facility/Specialty Coordinators, have been busy organizing committees, fun events and the Holiday Inn in Lawrence. The following judges are submitted in order of preference for Board approval:

Lure:	Michael Hussey – Elizabeth, CO	Obedience/	William Oxandale - Crestwood, MO
	Kathy Nelson – Lake Crystal, MN	Rally:	Sally Burgess – Wentzville, MO
	Virginia (Ginger) Kinion – Saint Charles, MO		Jack Downing – Lucas, TX
	Claudia Miller – Arvada, CO		
	Debbie Narwald – McCallsburg, IA		
	Dan Heidel – Lakewood, CO		

Due to a financial issue with a 2014 lure judge, followed by input from other trial organizers and lure judges, I would like to propose, beginning with 2016, that instead of offering reasonable travel expenses and two nights lodging to lure judges, we offer \$200 and one night lodging. This will eliminate the need for judges within a 200 miles radius and the field events chair can ask for any judge they would like across the country as well as knowing ahead of time what judge’s expenses will be.

Club Inventory & Medals

The sending of TSE medallions is up-to-date. Championship medals were sent to Kasey Parks

2015 Yearbook (Barbara O’Neill):

We are working on a form that can be filled out online and imported directly into the yearbook format. Upon completion, we will send to Board for review followed by website inclusion. We will then use all social media to promote the 2015 Yearbook. There is a one-time fee of \$50 for server setup and hosting for the online form. A Board decision on cover color will need to be determined at the November Board meeting.