

# BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

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## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT 08/07/15 – 11/04/15

- 08/09/15 Received a request from Ann Brake, [ann.brake@yahoo.com](mailto:ann.brake@yahoo.com), for breeders in northwest Ohio and northeast Indiana. Sent.
- 08/09/15 Received information regarding the Red Lion Hotel at the Park in Spokane, WA from Brent Ashton.
- 08/10/15 Received AKC approval for 04/14/16 Specialty.
- 08/10/15 Received a request from Kira Todd, [kirantodd@yahoo.com](mailto:kirantodd@yahoo.com), for information on Borzoi and breeders in the northeast. Sent.
- 08/11/15 Received a request from Fallon Gemar, [fallongemar1@yahoo.com](mailto:fallongemar1@yahoo.com), for breeders in and near Oklahoma. Sent.
- 08/13/15 Received request from Malory Brooke, [malorybrooke814@gmail.com](mailto:malorybrooke814@gmail.com), for breeders in the northeast. Sent.
- 08/19/15 Received a request from Vickie Palmer, [vickiepa@hotmail.com](mailto:vickiepa@hotmail.com), for breeders in the northwest. Sent.
- 08/20/15 Sent \$125.00 check to AKC to sponsor the Parent Club Medallions for Conformation for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show in Orlando.
- 08/20/15 Sent a \$110.00 check to AKC for electricity at the Meet the Breeds Booth at Orlando with notification that Chris Neale would be our Liaison.
- 08/27/15 Received a request from Emily M, [prinzettecoupons@hotmail.com](mailto:prinzettecoupons@hotmail.com), for breeders in the Mideast area. Sent.
- 08/31/15 Received an address change from Meghann Lord-Fenn and Miles Fenn to 2028 E 145<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Thornton, CO 80602. Information forwarded to Barbara O'Neill & Joy Windle.
- 08/31/15 Received an address change for Dale & Kasey Parks to 1636 Airline Goldmine Road, Canon, GA 30520, Phone: 404-667-5774 (Dale), 706-371-9512 (Kasey). Information forwarded to Barbara O'Neill & Joy Windle.
- 09/09/15 Received notification of finalists for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards.

09/21/15 Received AKC approval for a Sweepstakes event on 01/30/15 in Alexandria, LA in conjunction with the Alexandria Kennel Club. Sweepstakes Judge: Terry Mayers.

09/24/15 Received a request from Richard Mason Terry for a Lone Star Borzoi Club Specialty on Friday, March 25, 2016, in conjunction with the Fort Worth Kennel Club Show at the Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth, Texas. Conformation Judge: John Shelton. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Richard Terry. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendar.

09/24/15 Received an updated Lone Star Borzoi Club officer and membership list from Richard Terry.

09/24/15 Received a request from K. Carol Artley for a Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on Sunday, May 29, 2016, in conjunction with the Kalamazoo Kennel Club Show in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Conformation Judge: Meghann Lord Fenn. Sweepstakes Judge: Kasey Parks. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to K.C. Artley. Information to R. Lynn Shell for the calendar.

09/24/14 Received an updated officer list for the Midwest Borzoi Club from K. C. Artley.

09/26/15 Received notice of a new email address from Barbara Ewing to: [barb.ewing@outlook.com](mailto:barb.ewing@outlook.com).

09/27/15 Received a copy of the NBR Newsletter.

10/07/15 Received a phone request from Ed Zobel for breeders in the SE.

10/07/15 Received a request from Riley Barnett, [rbarnett414@gmail.com](mailto:rbarnett414@gmail.com), for information on Borzoi and breeders in Illinois. Sent.

10/07/15 Received a request from Melissa Holt, [benlisaholt@gmail.com](mailto:benlisaholt@gmail.com), for information on Borzoi and breeders in California. Sent.

10/07/15 Received a request from Andrea Kirkpatrick, [andrea.kirkpatrick155@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.kirkpatrick155@gmail.com) for breeders in Virginia and NC. Sent.

10/09/15 Received a request from Marilyn Polsfuss to change the date and venue of their June Specialty with the Lake Minnetonka Kennel Club to the St. Croix Valley Kennel Club on August 27 and 27. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Marilyn and a copy to Judy Cunningham, Specialty Club Coordinator/Treasurer.

10/09/15 Received a request from Sophie Cardone, [sophiecardone@perfumania.com](mailto:sophiecardone@perfumania.com), for breeders in Maine and Georgia. Sent.

10/11/15 Received a request from Nancy Hopkins for a box of BCOA notecards to be used as thank-you notes. Sent.

10/12/15 Received the Nominating Committee Report of the nominees for the AKC Board, Class of 2020.

10/16/15 Received an enquiry from Patti Neale regarding payment for the electricity reservation for Orlando. Responded this had been taken care of and to make sure there is no double payment such as last year.

10/16/15 Received a list of additional endorsed candidates for the AKC Board.

10/16/15 Received a notice from AKC for a Judges Education Coordinator Symposium to be held on Friday, December 11, 2015 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. Registration Fee \$25.00 per person. Deadline November 15, 2015.

- 10/26/15 Received a request from Julie Phillips, PhD at the Department of Biological Sciences at Vanderbilt University asking that we share any collected data on gestation length, body weight, litter size (or total litter weight) and neonatal survival in the Borzoi breed.
- 10/28/15 Received a Press Release from AKC that they have partnered with new network, Fido TV, the first television programming channel dedicated solely to dog lovers on Dis Network (Channel 245).
- 10/30/15 Received an invitation to participate in the Westminster “Meet and Compete,” an event featuring the 7<sup>th</sup> AKC Meet the Breeds event and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Masters Agility Championship at Westminster. Meet the Breeds will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2016 in Piers 92 and 94 in New York City from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. They indicated they have made many improvements that will provide a much better traffic flow.
- 10/31/15 Received a request from Karen Clark, [kclark0512@hotmail.com](mailto:kclark0512@hotmail.com), for information on two breeders she is considering. Was told they are members and have signed our Code of Ethics.
- 11/02/15 Received a request from Elaine Johnson, [ejohnson5@gci.net](mailto:ejohnson5@gci.net), for breeders in Alaska and the northwestern states. Sent.
- 11/03/15 Received a request from Lyn Hoflin for a Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at the National Western Stock Show Complex in Denver, Colorado. Conformation Judge: Amy Sorbie. Sweepstakes Judge: Garnett Thompson. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Lyn Hoflin. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendar.
- 11/04/15 Received an updated officer list for the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club from Lyn Hoflin.

Treasurer (Rita Rice) Those interested in a full accounting of the Treasury should contact Rita directly: [rita@ariaborzoi.com](mailto:rita@ariaborzoi.com)

### **AKC Delegate (Barbara O'Neill)**

October 13, 2015

The AKC Delegate meeting was held Saturday, September 12, 2015.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of 9/11 which occurred during this meeting 14 years ago.

The portion of the amendment to Rules Applying to Dog Shows allowing dogs that earn a CM title from the puppy classes to be awarded one point toward its championship title was withdrawn. The amendment has been sent back to the Board to address three areas. 1) The name of the award as there was an objection to the word “merit”; 2) that a dog should have to defeat others entries in its own breed; and 3) that the title should not be made part of the dog's name as either a prefix or a suffix.

There are several amendments that will be voted on at the December meeting: 1) would eliminate term limits for Board members; 2) would allow clubs to utilize electronic documents for premium lists; 3) would allow clubs to utilize electronic documents for judging programs unless the exhibitor request a hard copy; 4) would allow clubs to publish their catalog electronically if they so desire; and 5) would recognize multiple levels of Grand Championship titles.

AKC Reunite Update: Thirty (30) trailers have been delivered in various parts of the country. Eight trailers are about to be delivered, making the total 38. 21 additional trailers are in the works. The AKC Reunite Pet Disaster Trailer Relief Project has raised a total of \$1,031,591 to date.

The next Delegate Meeting will be held Friday, December 11, 2015, Orlando, Florida. An agenda has not been determined.

## **Regional Governors Fall 2015**

### **Region 1 (Ron Williams)**

Successful summer and fall Specialties and Supported shows were put on by the local Borzoi Clubs. I forwarded to the region all advertisements from the clubs of their upcoming events.

I've received no communications from the region with issues for the board to address.

I've sent out to the BCOA Region 1 members several AKC articles, including reminder emails on the process on returning the dues and nomination forms and the August BCOA meeting minutes. I also informed them of the BCOA Membership pins being sent out to recent new members. I asked my region to respond back if they've hadn't received a pin when they joined. I'm formulating a list of all members who responds back noting they hadn't received a pin when they joined. I'll present list to the secretary at the November BCOA meeting.

### **Region 2 (Kasey Parks)**

Region 2 had a TSE at the Warenton Kennel Club show in Millwood, VA, Saturday, 26 September 2015. The judges were Ms. Mary Vile for Sweepstakes (entry 6 puppies and 5 veterans) and Ms. Helene Nietsch for regular classes (entry 8-18 (5-2)). Potomac Valley Borzoi Club's supported entry was Sunday, 27 September at the Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia show. Judges were Kasey A.Parks for Sweepstakes (entry 8 puppies/ 5 veterans) and Carol Spritzer for regular classes [entry 10-17 (6-2)].

### **Region 3 (Prudence G. Hlatky)**

Region III conformation and performance events have started to ramp up with the promise of cooler weather. After the heat of the summer, our fall and winter events are eagerly awaited. Hopefully you can join us.

#### **Upcoming events:**

January 23, 2016 - TSE Alexandria, LA KC, judges - Reg - Dana Cline, Sweeps Terry Mayers - Veni Harlan - chair

April 8, 2016 Hutchinson KC, Valley Center, Kansas; Shirley McFadden regular classes, no sweeps - Teresa Burks - chair

#### **2016 BCOA National, Lawrence Kansas April 2016**

Once again I'll repeat the call for volunteers for the 2016 BCOA National which will be held in Lawrence, Kansas from April 9, 2016 - April 16, 2016. It's the same site as the 2011 BCOA National. Kay Cassella is coordinator of Facility and Event logistics. She still has committee openings to fill. Please don't be shy, as she and her team would love to have you volunteer for as much or as little as you can.

#### **Successful BCOA Region III events:**

The Lone Star Borzoi Club and the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club both had specialties this summer. The results have been posted on social media, so I won't list the winners here. If you can get to either or both of these events in the future you will find great club members, wonderful venues and stellar trophies. Usually Borzoi or sighthound judges head the panel.

#### **Other Items**

***Region III proposed items still on the BOD agenda:*** The BCOA BOD is working on a couple of suggestions from Region 3 and hopefully some of them will be implemented soon. I look forward to reporting back on: changes to the BCOA Membership application to make it more Rescue and single dog owner friendly; we've requested changes to the ROM requirements to recognize higher level achievements; to also allow BCOA trophy supported performance events, (Trophy Supported Performance Event *TSPE*).

Past Region III lead initiatives that we can be proud that are now part of the BCOA:

- *Adding Borzoi Photos to the BCOA Website*
- *Rescue - Information and Links to the rescue groups on the front (1<sup>st</sup>) page of the BCOA website*
- *Put Teeth into Ethics - lead to revision of signed Code of Ethics*
- *Creation of a BCOA Member Only Yahoo Group*

### **Region 4 (Marcella Zobel)**

On June 6 in conjunction with the Borzoi Club of Northern California meeting, I presented a few items on behalf of BCOA. I gave a brief review of the events at the National, and I had a few handouts from the

National in Ohio, to read from and handed out copies of the Ginger Jones Borzoi Health Survey and Test statistics, which was well received.

October 17 we had a Regional Specialty which was well-attended by out of state and Southern California borzoi fanciers along with BCNC club members. I took this opportunity to speak on behalf of Region 4 & BCOA. I had downloaded and printed out the info on our upcoming National in Kansas, quite a few people were glad for this information. I had a brief handout that a few people took, on the requirements for putting on a National (hoping to spark interest for our next National to be held out this way.)

I did mention annual dues, the slate of officers & petitioning to run, and Judges Specialty nominations - plus to pay attention to the return addresses. I have a private Facebook group on which I can be contacted by members for further information.

### **REGION 5 (Robin Casey)**

Region 5 members were informed via newsletter of the "Generations" class to be offered at the 2016 National. The newsletter also announced the new title rosettes to be awarded for any dog finishing a title at our National, starting in 2016. This to include conformation, lure coursing, straight racing, obedience and rally. The members were also informed of the nominating committee's proposed slate of officers and board for 2016. Included was a reminder anyone expressing interest in serving on the board must submit a petition by October 31, 2015. Members were also reminded complete board meeting minutes are posted on the BCOA website. The programs for the member directory availability were again reported.

I also extended my appreciation to all Region 5 for their kindness and support for the last two years in my term as BCOA Region 5 Governor. My explanation as to why I felt unable to continue for another term was also explained as well as my support and hope for the new 2016 board.

### **Region 6 (Joyce Katona)**

Region 6 has been pretty quiet over the summer. The next events in the region will be the back-to-back Specialties of the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha. They are at a new location this year, in conjunction with the Council Bluffs Kennel Club in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The shows will be held on November 21 & 22 at the Mid-America Center. Judges are as follows:

Saturday 11/21

Conformation: Meghann Lord-Fenn

Sweepstakes: Barbara Tyler Lord

Sunday 11/22

Conformation: Helen Lee

Sweepstakes: R. Bunny Kelley

I suggested that the members check the BCOA National Specialty Show 2016 Facebook page for the most current news on the upcoming National in Lawrence, Kansas.

I reminded the members that their updated contact information and club dues are due to treasurer, Rita Rice by the end of the year.

Once again, I reminded everyone, if they hadn't already done so, to sign and return the Code of Ethics to Joy.

I informed the region about our Board meeting on November 14 and asked them to please bring any questions or concerns to my attention as soon as possible and I would present them to the Board.