

## **Standing Committee Reports Spring 2016**

### **Annual Awards (Nancy G Katsarelas)**

Madam President, Board Members.

I have attached the current award list for your review. I have noted if I have received the name and owner of the winners and if I have received a picture to attach to an award. Please contact me if you see any errors or if you have any suggestions or comments. The time is getting close to engraving date for the plates on the awards.

I learned that one winner did not even know her dog had won until I contacted her. She was surprised, and so was I, that she had not been notified. She sent me a picture the same day as she acknowledged my email.

I know that all will come together well before the Nationals. I have had a lot of help from our President Rebecca as well as Melissa Pierce, Prudence Hlatky, and Liz Green.

The current arrangement is that the awards will be shipped to the host hotel in time for the award banquet. I will have them noticed for the attention of our President unless I hear otherwise.

It has been a pleasure to serve the board as Chair of our yearly awards. May everyone enjoy the show and I wish all Borzoi entered the very best.

### **Annual Top Five Awards (Deborah Vidaver-Cohen) 2015**

For the inaugural year of the "BCOA Top 5 Achievement Awards", rankings in ten events are being recognized. Rosettes were made by Centaur Ribbons, our regular vendor for the National Speciality. As shown in the first image attached, all Top 5 Rosettes are the same size as those for first placements in other classes at the National and include gold lettering and gold BCOA logo embossed on the center button. Centaur's cost was \$241.75, reflecting a one time discount of 46.00 that applies for the first year only.

These rosettes are designed so that placement colors reflect variations on the blue-red-yellow-white theme for regular AKC win placements but without exactly duplicating any existing AKC ribbon colors for either regular or non-regular events. With no 5th place awarded in any AKC event, we chose the color "Sand" for the 5th ranked spot.

The gold-edged center streamers are color-coded to reflect characteristics of the different event types wherever possible -- for instance, choosing colors related to existing AKC ribbon colors for "Best" in each conformation event (purple, maroon and pink), or as in the case of field events, variations on the color green, with grey representing OFC. Obedience has an orange center streamer and if Rally is added in the future, the center streamer will be a variation of that color. The color layout for all rosettes is included.

With the exception of Obedience and OFC, which need composite rankings figured across different venues, the Achievement Award Winners for each event can be pulled from the "2015 Top 10 Standings" listed in the Spring 2016 issue of the Aristocrat at <http://borzoiclubofamerica.org/aristocrat/Spring2016-2.pdf>.

In addition to a rosette, owners of Top 5 ranked Borzoi will receive a certificate with their Borzoi's name, identifying information, event title and rank earned. Consistent with BCOA policy, only BCOA members who are first owner of record on Borzoi ranked in any event are eligible to receive this Award. Rosettes

and certificates will be available to pick up at the National Specialty, with the unclaimed remainder to be sent by mail.

### **Annual Versatility Award (Kay Novotny)**

**2015**

Congratulations go out to the following dogs and owners:

In first place, with 84.63 points, is DC Mielikki Dir Shepard at SilkenSwift, SC, SGRCIV, LCM, BN, RA, VFCH, owned by Renee McCartin and Bonnie Dalzel. REG# HP35179107

In second place, with 66.65 points, is GCH Aruzia Bright Moon Over Tahoe, CD, BN, RA, SC, owned by Steven and Kay Carol Artley. REG # HP38370806.

Congratulations also go out to Renee McCartin and Bonnie Dalzel for a lifetime achievement award for DC Mielikki Dir Shepard at SilkenSwift, SC, SGRCIV, LCM, BN, RA, VFCH.

Also Lifetime Achievement congratulations to GCH DC Chihawk Maschas Dream of the Wildhunt RA, SC, CGCA HP 40623502

Owners: Valerie Holmes, Ralph Jamison, and G. Ariel Duncan

Breeders: Tami and Peggy Marshall

Valerie's e-mail: [Valentineday@comcast.net](mailto:Valentineday@comcast.net)

### **Archives (KC Artley)**

**Spring 2016**

I plan to bring one or two of the photo albums to the National, to display near the specialty sales table, for people to look at. I wrote an article for the *Aristocrat* last fall, about BCOA in the late 1940s. I will write additional articles about the history of BCOA as time permits.

### **Breed Welfare (Dee Jones)**

**Spring 2016**

Placement Program is now on-line on the BCOA website.

<http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/bcoa-placement-assistance.html>

Fund Request: I received a request from a "sanctuary" in Oregon asking for us to reimburse expenses for two Borzoi in their care. Research indicated that both BR-NC and NBRF are aware of the dogs and have offered their services, even putting the dogs on their respective websites. However, the owner of the sanctuary has refused to cooperate with our rescue organizations. Since their assistance is readily available to her, I could not recommend that BCOA offer any support. She has apparently turned down homes that were approved by our rescue groups for adopting a dog from them. (This is the same sanctuary to which Nancy refers in her BR-NC report.)

BR-NC: Submitted by Nancy Joeckel

No dogs in rescue so far this year.

We've been following and doing our best to assist the two youngsters in care with the Hound Sanctuary, Rain Jordan. NBRF has also been involved in this case. Both organizations have offered a wide array of options and assistance. Both organizations have the means to take and place the dogs. Rain has allowed both groups to post the dogs as available on our web sites or to our potential adopters. So far, a handful of potential owners have been refused by Rain, even though most of them have long and successful track records with BR-NC or NBRF. The dogs

remain in foster care. We will continue to work closely with NBRF on this and hopefully find a way for these two young Borzoi to go to a permanent home.

NBRF: See accompanying pdf

### **BTRC (Barbara O'Neill)**

Standing Rule Revision – #2016-01 Annual Budget, Annual Distributions & Authorized Members

1. BTRC ANNUAL BUDGET: At the beginning of each year, the BTRC will meet to review the fund's financial accounts and create an Annual Budget for that coming year. The budget will include a restatement of the currently approved 'Investment Policies' and any proposed changes to that investment policy. It will also propose that year's distributions from the net/net fund income covering any out of pocket expenses, and make a determination of amounts and percentages of funds to be granted only to the benefit of the previously approved BTRC-BCOA 501(c3) Borzoi Rescue groups.

*The term Borzoi Rescue Group is defined as a Borzoi Only 501(c3) Rescue which has previously applied for and received a final approval as a beneficiary rescue of BTRC-BCOA funds by both the BTRC & the BCOA Board of Directors. It has been determined that all-breed, or combined other breed rescue groups are not eligible for approved status as BTRC-BCOA Borzoi rescue groups. Any individual, other party or group may apply directly to one of the approved BTRC-BCOA Borzoi rescue groups for any rescue assistance they might require.*

2. FUND DISTRIBUTIONS: All proposed distributions from the BTRC fund account(s) can only be authorized through the final approval of the BTRC Annual Budget as presented to the BCOA Board. If, the BTRC budget is not approved by the BCOA Board, then the budget is sent back to the BTRC for re-consideration, adjustments and/or any modification before being resubmitted to the BCOA Board for approval. The BCOA Board may not modify the distribution recommendations of the BTRC, but they may make alternate recommendations or suggestions to the Bev Taylor Committee. The BCOA BoD shall not override a BTRC approved final budget.

*In the event neither the BTRC, nor the BCOA BoD can reach a solution, a joint meeting between the Committee and the Board shall be called to discuss and remedy any outstanding concerns and issues. If reasonable solutions are unable to be reached, the discrepancies will be proposed on the floor at the BCOA annual membership meeting where the attending membership will hear presentations and discussions on the issues and reach a final solution.*

All fund distributions must match exactly the dollar amounts approved through the final BTRC Annual Budget which has received the final approval of the BCOA Board of Directors. Authorized distribution checks are to be requested and mailed **directly** from the Schwab account to the 501(c3) rescue recipients approved to receive funds from the BTRC-BCOA accounts. These check(s) shall be distributed prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

3. PRIMARY FUND PRINCIPAL: No decisions by the BCOA Board or the BTRC may propose the distribution or removal of funds from the currently established primary principal of the fund, except in major emergency rescue situations and only then upon the joint approval of both the BTRC & BCOA BoD. *The established "primary principal" amount may be increased at various times by adding funds from the net/net income to increase the principal based on the existing inflation rates.*

4. ACCOUNT OWNERSHIP: The primary account contact for any and all BTRC-BOCA fund accounts shall be held for the BCOA in the name of the BCOA Corresponding Secretary who is the required primary authorizing agent for these accounts. As an additional safeguard and transparency, one additional BTRC member will be listed as having access to those accounts. The additional BTRC member will be one of the two BTRC non-BOCA board members. *Additional authorized personnel may be granted account access, such as designated financial consultants, BTRC Chair, BTRC Secretary etc. as deemed necessary.*

5. AUTHORIZED ACCOUNT DISTRIBUTION AGENTS: (Authorized account distribution request letter signers) Certain BCOA members are designated as the authorized distribution letter signers on the BTRC-BOCA accounts with only two of the three being required to request distribution of previously 'approved fund distributions' from the BTRC-BOCA financial account(s). All requests for distributions from the BTRC-BOCA fund account must be requested in writing and signed by a minimum of two of the three authorized distribution letter signers designated for distributions from the account: BCOA President, BCOA Treasurer and BTRC Chair.

Approved on March 9, 2016 by the BTRC Committee with unanimous approval.

### ***Gazette Breed Column (Jon Steele)*** **Spring 2016**

Currently the columns on the website have not been updated. I have them located on different computers and mobile devices and it is just a matter of gathering and cross referencing those file and sending them to Webmistress, R Lynn.

The February column was written on the Knopf Logo and their anniversary event in New York City with our members involvement at the Gala with their Borzoi.

The May Column is a return to Borzoi movement with an emphasis on handling in a manner to get the most out of your dog. All too often a good borzoi is held back by the inexperience or lack of conditioning of the owner. Since our standard state "Special emphasis on sound running gear" so too the handler.

The problems with the *Gazette* on line still plagues the reach of this magazine. We are supposed to get notices when the *Gazette* is available, but the editor is inconsistent on those posts. AKC has few resources dedicated to the *Gazette* and the AKC website has links but they are not always in the forefront on the page. I see no changes in the future although there is now a Facebook page for the *Gazette*. <http://www.akc.org/pubs/gazette/#currentissue>

### **Health Research Grants (Ginger Jones)**

#### **CHF RESEARCH GRANTS:**

I received the latest report on research grant #1753 *Identification of genetic modifiers that impact clinical expression of arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy in the Boxer dog.*

While this study was conducted on the Boxer breed only, because of the penetrance in this breed, much is learned about the genes associated with severe cases of this disease. The knowledge of the gene areas associated with this disease allows a more narrowed focus for research on other dog breeds. Attached is the research status report to date. There is a request to extend at no cost the continuance of the research project for

valid reasons cited, so there will be another final research report forthcoming. This information can be shared with our membership.

Samantha Wright submitted an updated list of research grants and Nancy and I reviewed these and decided that we would like to request board approval to support the following research grant in the amount of \$2500.

**02242: Understanding the Genetics of Adverse Drug Reactions in Sighthounds Principal Investigator: Dr. Michael H. Court, PhD; Washington State University Total Grant Amount: \$150,000.00; Grant Period: 2/1/2016 - 1/31/2018**

Project Abstract: Life-threatening unanticipated reactions to drugs with a narrow margin of safety (such as those used for anesthesia and to treat cancer) are a common concern for dog owners and veterinarians. However, research conducted at Washington State University has enabled development of a simple cheek swab test (the MDR1 gene test) that is now being used by veterinarians to identify dogs that should either avoid or have reduced doses of certain drugs used to treat cancer and parasite infections. Using a similar strategy the investigators have been conducting research to identify the cause of extremely slow recovery from anesthesia (up to several days) in a high proportion of greyhounds, and also in other sighthound breed dogs (such as Scottish deerhound, Borzoi, Whippets, etc.). The investigators have recently discovered a mutation in a gene that is known to be essential for metabolism (breaking down) many commonly used anesthetic drugs (such as propofol), as well as many other drugs used in dogs. Interestingly in addition to sighthound breeds, this gene mutation is also found in some other breeds such as Border Collies. The purpose of this research project is to prove that this mutation can cause decreased drug metabolism, while also determining which drugs and which dog breeds are likely to be most impacted. The ultimate goal of this study is to develop a genetic test that could be used by veterinarians to guide the safe use of these drugs in dogs with the gene mutation

**HEART RESEARCH FUNDRAISING PROJECT:**

A thank you card was sent to Renee McCartin and her support group for their continued efforts in fundraising for heart research via the calendar project. So far, BCOA has received about \$2600.

**Judges Education (Patti W. Neale)**

The Judges Study Group signup for the the National Specialty is the largest we've had in many years. I believe a number of the students are taking advantage of an event close to home, rather than imminent application to judge Borzoi but it should be a good group.

As usual, the Judges Study Material and VS were mailed in advance with the expectation that the homework will all be done in advance, and students can concentrate on the live dogs rather than shuffling paper at ringside.

With the very large group, I am going to need commitments for blocks of mentoring time from those who are approved mentors. In the past, there are folks that want to be part of judges Ed, but when needed for the actual work time at the National, are too busy with friends, dogs, grooming, other obligations. I expect fewer will show up for the morning classes on Friday, But twelve students are going to need about six mentors most of the time on Friday and Saturday.

These are the judges who have signed up:

Jan Sigler  
Diane Burvee  
Patrick C Byrne  
Grace Fritz  
Fred Hyer

Eddie Dzuik  
Camille McArdle, DVM  
Sheila Dee Paske  
Robert Place  
Joseph Minor  
Robert E & Janet M Schwalbe  
And possibly Mary Ann Clark

A preliminary pare down of the PowerPoint program was done and sent to Helen Brettell for a seminar in Washington State in January. She had quite a few students there. Technical problems with computer/projector resulted in showing the program on a laptop screen but Helen reported that it was well received.

We will continue to refine and streamline the program.

I would like to re-work the Judges Study material this year as well. Among candidates for new material would be selections from Jon Steele's *Gazette* columns, but there are other articles from good writers that I would like to consider to refine and modernize things.

Ron Williams has mailed a video copy of the presentation to Robin Casey in anticipation of a seminar she has knowledge of but there are currently no seminars requested through this office for 2016.

### **Junior Showman Committee (Barbara Tyler Lord) End of Year 2015**

BCOA junior members and non-members exhibiting Borzoi in AKC junior showmanship competition throughout the United States, during the 2015 calendar year (*January 1, 2015 up to and including December 31, 2015 as per the Canine Chronicle*):

Elise Patti- 43 points (not a member - need contact information)  
Madison Gilbert - 28 points (member)  
Emma Gauthier - 22 points (member)  
Faith Rogers - 8 points (not a member - need contact information)  
Dante Ketelsen - 5 points (not a member - need contact information)  
Natalya Miller - 4 points (member)  
Isabelle Veed - 3 points (member)  
Sierra Marvin - 3 points (not a member - need contact information)  
Niya Burks - 2 points (not a member - need contact information)  
Gianna Bertsch - (new member as of 1/2016 - no competition recorded)  
James Alan Gibson - (member - no competition recorded)  
Kendall Parker - (member - no competition recorded)  
Logan Parker - (member - no competition recorded)  
Breanna Sorbie - (member - no competition recorded)

Congratulations to Madison Gilbert, the Borzoi Club of America's 2015 BCOA Top Junior Showman. we send you best wishes for continued success, Madison! In addition, I would like to congratulate the following recipients who qualified for our 2015 BCOA Top Five Junior Showman Certificates:

1. Madison Gilbert
2. Elise Patti
3. Emma Gauthier
4. Faith Rogers
5. Dante Ketelsen

Junior members, family and friends, remember that the Borzoi Club of America Junior Showman Scholarship is available to our junior members who meet the qualifications, as stated on the junior page, located on our [BCOA website](#). Please feel free to contact me with any comments or questions.

All BCOA members, please consider a donation to the [Rachel Hunt Memorial Trophy for the BCOA Top Junior Handler of the Year](#). The funds being raised will pay for the main plaque with bronze sculpture with each winners name for the next 10 years, as well as a bronze head study for the winning junior for 10 years. Please share with all your friends and encourage them to donate as well.

I am excited to share the news that the BCOA Board will address my proposals (summarized below) at their upcoming board meeting, and will hopefully bring them before the general membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for the BCOA to offer our junior members and junior handlers encouragement for the time and effort that they put into the breed. They are the future caretakers of the breed!  
(See Minutes for complete text of the proposals.)

### **Meet the Breeds, NYC 2016 (Ron Williams)**

Saturday, February 13 was the 7th annual AKC Meet the Breeds (Meet and Compete) event in New York City. It was held at Pier 92 & 94 in conjunction with the Westminster Master Agility Championships. This was my fifth year chairing the Borzoi booth. When I look back over each year, this event has always been one of my Borzoi highlights. This year's event was no exception. I believe what pleases me most is the look of joy on the faces of children of all ages while they meet, touch, hug and stand to take a photo with one of our Borzoi.

I want to thank this year's team of Lorene Connolly, Linda Deutsch, Malory Ferguson, Melissa Kucmierczyk, Jim & Elisabeth Szymanski, Guy Tarsitano and Joy Windle. I wouldn't be able to put on a successful booth without their help. Not all of the team was on hand the day of the event.

This year started on Friday when Melissa, Guy and me assembled the Borzoi photo back drop we used this year instead of the Russian theme of past years. Guy and I put the final touches on the booth Saturday morning. This included BCOA magnets, BCOA pamphlets, AKC provided breed information (An Introduction to the Borzoi), coloring pages and crayons and various framed photos. We didn't have the BCOA banners this year. Instead, I displayed framed photos of the BCOA patch we received several years back.

We had three Borzoi for the meet & greet; Lorene with Jelly, Malory with Porter and we had our puppy Sunni. Melissa serve as the official photographer. She has hundreds of photos on her Facebook page.

While the agility competition was taking place, thousands of people visited over 120 breed and vendor booths. We stayed busy talking all things Borzoi from their origin and their personality to answering questions regarding apartment living with a Borzoi in New York City! As always, our three Borzoi were a hit! With the success of "Reserve Best in Show" at Westminster a few days later, next year's event promises to be busier in the Borzoi booth. We're going to need a couple more dogs!!

Material dispersed / remain:

BCOA magnets – 33 / 103 remain in stock

BCOA "So You Want a Borzoi" pamphlets - 37 / 87 remain in stock

Coloring pages – 46 / over 300 each page (4) remain in stock

Crayons – 81 / 789 remain in stock

AKC passes out a program upon entry to the event. I'm disappointed to report, BCOA is not listed in the "Meet the Clubs" pages. However, there is a Large BCOA logo. Unfortunately, it's for the Basenji Club of America! I would like to approach my contact Gina DiNardo, an AKC VP, to see what it takes to get listed. Not all breeds are listed in these pages. The AKC provided breed specific information (An Introduction to the Borzoi) given to each booth needs to be updated. I believe we updated the copy. I'm not sure where it went from there.

**Specialty-Related (Barbara O'Neill)**  
**Futurity**

The 2017 opened on October 13 and will end November 16, 2016. Currently, there is \$3,925 in the 2016 account and \$630 for 2017.

**National Specialty Guidelines**

Guidelines are currently up-to-date. Region 5, with Carol Enz, as Show Chairman, will be up next for 2018 with a bid/proposal due April 2016.

**2016 National Specialty – Lawrence, Kansas**

Kay Cassella, Facility/Specialty Coordinator, and Caryl Dumaine, Hospitality, continue with event plans. We are all concerned about lack of rooms at the host hotel. We do guarantee 400 room nights but block 550 room nights. We have a waiting list waiting for cancellations. Our other problem was additional grooming space. We will try and resolve the issue when I get to Lawrence April 7.

**2017 National Specialty – Hunt Valley, Maryland**

Roy Silguero & Curtis Judd, Facility Coordinators are in the process of firming up show committee and plans. They are planning on a presentation at the annual awards banquet in Kansas

**Club Inventory & Medals**

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