

# BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.



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## **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT 08/13/17 – 11/01/17**

- 08/14/17 Received address change for Suzan Tintorri to 1310 Miranda Court, Tehachapi, CA 93561.
- 08/14/17 Received AKC approval for a Sweepstakes event on 01/26/18 to be held with the Baton Rouge Kennel Club at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center.
- 08/14/17 Received a request from Sarah McCandless, [sarah.mccandless@equityrealty.com](mailto:sarah.mccandless@equityrealty.com), for breeders in Florida. Sent.
- 08/14/17 Received a request from Arden Anderson, [arden@austinlegalgroup.com](mailto:arden@austinlegalgroup.com), for breeders in California. Sent.
- 08/14/17 Received a notice from AKC that the Borzoi Club of Greater New York Specialty cannot be approved because it has not received parent club approval.
- 08/15/17 Received a request from Shirley Rothacker, [msroth3@gmail.com](mailto:msroth3@gmail.com), for breeders in Southern California. Sent.
- 08/15/17 Sent a letter of condolences to Missy Brong on the death of her husband and informing her that a substantial number of donations have been made to BCOA Health in Bob's memory.
- 08/15/17 Received a request from Linda Deutsch for a Borzoi Club of Greater New York Specialty to be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017, at the Sussex County Fairgrounds in Augusta, NJ. Conformation Judge: Dianne Miller (Canada). Sweepstakes Judge: Joy Windle. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Linda. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.
- 08/15/17 Send a response to Jill Zamowski indicating her Supported Entry in Birmingham had been approved during last night's Conference Call and that she had permission to use the BCOA Logo on their hospitality table.
- 08/17/17 Received information from Helms Briscoe, a meeting planning firm offering their services.
- 08/18/17 Received a phone request for breeders on the East coast from Cliff Wright.
- 08/21/17 Received a request from Amanda Sutton for medallions to be given at a BCOA Supported entry for the Borzoi Club of Northern California. Referred her to Joy Windle.
- 08/22/17 Sent a check to AKC to sponsor the Agility Medallion to be awarded in Orlando.
- 08/30/17 Sent notice to AKC that BCOA does not want to grant blanket approval for any of our Regional Specialties.
- 08/30/17 Received a request from Amy Sikula for a Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty to be

- held on Sunday, May 27, 2018, to be held with the Kalamazoo Kennel Club in Kalamazoo, MI. Conformation Judge: Karen Dumke. Sweepstakes Judge: Gale Snoddy. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Amy. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.
- 08/30/17 Received a request from Amy Sikula for a Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty to be held on Saturday, August 11, 2018, in Franksville, WI, with the Cudahy Kennel Club. Conformation Judge: James Fredericksen. Sweepstakes Judge: Kristina Terra. Approval sent to AKC with a copy to Amy. Information sent to R. Lynn Shell for the calendars.
- 08/30/17 Received the 2017-2018 list of Officers and Board of the Midwest Borzoi Club from Amy Sikula.
- 09/04/17 Received a request from Bonnie Harris, [bonnie@scottharris.com](mailto:bonnie@scottharris.com), for breeders in Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona. Sent.
- 09/04/17 Received the August statements for the Beverly Taylor accounts from Charles Schwab.
- 09/14/17 Request from Jessica Stauffer, [Staufferart@gmail.com](mailto:Staufferart@gmail.com), for breeders in the northeast. Sent.
- 09/14/17 Request from Taylor Armder, outlook [A082C8FAD3547688@outlook.com](mailto:A082C8FAD3547688@outlook.com), for breeders close to Knoxville, TN. Sent.
- 09/14/17 Request from John Pasqualetti, [johnpasqualetti@me.com](mailto:johnpasqualetti@me.com), for breeders in Florida. Sent.
- 09/26/17 Request from Mia Gentile, [miagraceburris@gmail.com](mailto:miagraceburris@gmail.com), for breeders in GA. Sent.
- 09/28/17 Received an invitation from AKC to participate in the Meet the Breeds presentation with the Westminster Kennel Club events at the Piers.
- 10/03/17 Received the September statements for the Beverly Taylor Accounts from Charles Schwab.
- 10/05/17 Sent 50 year membership Gold Star mementos to Jane Bishop, William Brumlow, Lois Cooper, and Angela San Paolo.
- 10/05/17 Patti Neale had asked Joan Zielinski that Borzoi not be included for the Judges Education Seminar at the Western Washington Winter Cluster since our 2018 National will be held on the West Coast. This seminar had previously affected the number of judges who participated in our ringside mentoring six years ago when our National was on the West Coast. The Board received a notification from Joan that they have decided not to include Borzoi with their seminar.
- 10/11/17 Request from [lexuslongbrake@gmail.com](mailto:lexuslongbrake@gmail.com) for breeders near Virginia. Sent.
- 10/12/17 Received approval for a Sweepstakes event on 04/06/18 with the Birmingham KC event in Columbiana, AL.
- 01/18/17 Received notice from AKC that the Rally event scheduled on 04/22/18 cannot be approved until the \$50.00 fee is received.
- 10/23/17 Request from Morgan Dillon, [morganndillon@icloud.com](mailto:morganndillon@icloud.com), for breeders in or near Nevada. Sent.
- 10/23/17 Received a notice from the Westminster Kennel Club regarding ads in their 2018 catalog. Breed Club ads are \$25.00 per ad. Club member ads are \$150.00/ad.
- 10/23/17 Received a request from Margaret Lucia for a Lone Star Borzoi Club Regional Specialty to be held with the Texas Combined Specialties on Friday, March 23, 2018 at the Will Rogers Memorial Complex in Ft. Worth, TX. Conformation Judge: Dr. Robert Indeglia. Sweepstakes Judge: To be determined.
- 10/23/17 Received notice from Lorraine Bisso that the 2020 thirty-first Morris & Essex Kennel Club is seeking specialties and supported entries and would like for our

club to participate. Specialties will receive \$2.00 per dog and supported entries will receive \$1.00 per dog.

- 10/24/17 Received notice from AKC that the Sweepstakes event to be held on Saturday, 01/27/18 and Sunday, 01/28/18 in Gonzales, LA, cannot be approved because permission is required from the Alexandria Kennel Club to hold this event.
- 10/27/17 Received notice from AKC that the Rally Event to be held Tuesday, May 22, 2018 in Richland, WA has been approved.
- 10/27/17 Received a notice from AKC that the Sweepstakes event scheduled for 01/27/18 and hosted by the Alexandria Kennel Club in Gonzales, LA has been approved.
- 10/30/17 Received notice from AKC that the Junior Showmanship Event to be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 in Richland, WA cannot be approved since it is in conflict with the Spokane KC.
- 10/30/17 Received notice from AKC that the Sweepstakes event on 05/23/18 in Richland, WA has been approved.
- 10/31/17 Received a request from Lyn Snyder Hoflin me to check to see if there is a Regional Specialty scheduled for the second weekend in April since the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club is looking for other dates for their winter specialty.
- 10/30/17 Received notice from AKC that the 05/22/18 Obedience Event has been approved.
- 11/01/17 Received Dues notice from AKC. Forwarded to Jan Leikam.
- 11/01/17 Received a phone request from Carol Sayre for breeders in Maryland.
- 11/01/17 Received input from Karen Staudt-Cartabona suggesting that BCOA address their requirements for becoming a club member.
- 11/01/17 Sent a list of the 2017 Regional Specialties to Prudence Hlatky and Lyn Hoflin.

**Treasurer: Please contact Jan Leikam for a copy of the Treasurer's Report**



AKC DELEGATE REPORT  
October 10, 2017

The AKC Delegate meeting was held Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

The following amendments were voted on at the September meeting.

**Chapter 16, Section 6**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championships*. This amendment would include the dog awarded Select Dog or Bitch in the calculation of Grand Championship points for the award. The proposal was brought forward by the AKC Board of Directors based on a Staff recommendation. The amendment was approved

**Chapter 11, Section 8A**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility*, would require permanent identification for a dog that is disqualified if it is ever to be considered for reinstatement. Reinstatement would be conducted by AKC staff. Judges would not participate in the process. The name, AKC number, and the contact information for the owner of the disqualified or reinstated dog would be conveyed to the show superintendent. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. The AKC Board of Directors unanimously disapproved the amendment.

This proposed amendment was withdrawn and will be resubmitted to the AKC Board at a later date.

**Limited registration** was not discussed. Dog Show Rules committee is considering allowing limited registration dogs to compete in Conformation because of low entries. Also under consideration is allowing spayed and neutered veterans to compete in BOB not just the Veteran classes.

**From the HEC Committee:**

Breeder of Merit by level based on titles earned by dogs bred. The BOM program currently requires a breeder to have bred four titled dogs, certify that their breeding stock has met the health testing as recommended by the breed's Parent Club and the breeder must be a member of an AKC club. There will be four additional levels - bronze, silver, gold and platinum. For each level, there is a minimum number of total titled dogs bred and a minimum of prefix titled dogs bred. The purpose of the program is to (1) provide an incentive for breeders to encourage their puppy buyers to become involved in AKC sports since accomplishments will reflect back on their breeding program, and (2) provide recognition to those long-term successful breeders that have produced numerous titled dogs. The program was launch October 1.

**Update on Scent Work:**

AKC Scent Work was launch on October 1. The Regulations are available on the AKC Scent Work website. Hard copies may be obtained by calling the AKC Order Desk. Any AKC club can be licensed to hold Scent Work. 134 clubs are currently licensed. A judge's education class has been developed and is available for all through the Canine College. 229 judges are licensed. All judges have experience in Nose Work with other organizations or have had professional experience training detection dogs and have passed a test to assure familiarity with the AKC Regulations. 106 events have been approved for 2017. Events may be held after October 1st. The first AKC Scent Work event was held in conjunction with the Eukanuba Performance Games on September 14-17 in Wilmington, OH.

**Update on Achiever Dog:**

The Achiever Dog pilot program will launch on December 1. A dog that earns a ribbon in three different sports will receive an Achiever Dog certificate. It is not a titling program. The purpose of the program is to encourage owners to try several different sports in the hope that they will find the one that works for them. At the end of one year, all owners who have received the

achiever Dog certificate will be surveyed to determine the programs impact on their behavior. The future of the program will depend on the results and insight gained from the survey.

### **Puppy of Achievement pilot program:**

The Puppy of Achievement (POA) pilot program launched on September 1. A POA certificate will be issued to dogs that earn a designated number of points from the BPUP or regular Puppy classes. It is not a titling program. The purpose of this pilot effort is to provide a realistic goal for young dogs entering conformation. Administratively there is no impact on clubs, superintendents or judges. At the end of one year, all owners who have received the POA certificate will be surveyed to determine the program's success and possible areas for improvement.

The next Delegate Meeting will be held Friday, December 15, 2017. An agenda has not been determined.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara O'Neill, AKC Delegate

### **Regional Governors Autumn 2017**

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

I've had the following communications out to my region:

- The Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and I received communication from a Life Member in my region, informing me of a situation with a past member (Kay Collins) who due to illness (I believe the end of 2015 she was in a coma), had her membership lapse. She didn't reinstate her membership because of a concern over losing her tenure upon reinstatement. She joined in 1994. After contemplating over this she contacted the Life Member above. Joy noted in her response the Constitution; *The Title of Life Member shall automatically be conferred upon each person who has been a member in good standing for a period of twenty-five (25) consecutive years or for thirty-five (35) years, not necessarily consecutive.* Kay would have been eligible for Life Membership in 2019. I believe if an attempt for reinstatement occurs within a year, certain illnesses the Board should be able to exempt member from the 35 year requirement. Also, due to the possible age of the member, waiting 10 years may never come.
- I received an email from Chuck Grabosky and Joy Windle regarding AKC's intention to bring replacing the sit and down stays for Novice & Open Obedience to a vote in March. I believe this is due to issues in the past with the long sit and down stays. I sent the email to the region asking for their opinions. I received five (5) responses back; 3 for yes to replace and 2 for no. Including the member who sent me the original email, this brings the vote to 3 & 3! I also received an email from our delegate, Barbara O'Neill stating the following: *I'm not sure this will come before the Delegates or if it is a AKC Board decision. I did double check the Delegate Companion Events Committee September minutes - as suspected, the AKC Board will make that rule change and it will not come to the Delegate body for a vote.*

I responded back to my region if you are concerned with the decision, there's a web site collecting signatures to keep things as they are. <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/.../the-akc-novice-and-open-.../>

- I sent out two requests for specialty notices:
  - BCCNJ Annual Specialty Show, held with the Somerset Hills Kennel Club Sat Sep 9.
  - BCNE Specialty, held in conjunction with the Albany Kennel Club Show Sat Oct 21.
- Forwarded several emails notices from AKC
- Forwarded Joy's Member's Only email regarding the annual mailing she sent out with the Member renewal form, slate of candidates, nomination for National Specialty Judges and trophy sponsor

forms. Asking them to please pay attention to the cover letter explaining and providing directions for the contents of the mailing

- Sent one (1) Growing Borzoi mug to Barbara Lord in September

### **Region 2 (Katie Averill)**

This quarter has been a slow one for news. I contacted several members asking them for their input on the mentor form and was told they had already contacted Lorrie.. Several of my region have gotten new puppies and are loving them. Show entries in the south part of my region are down, and the bigger shows are so much smaller than usual. The storms have probably caused this drop in entries. Not much else from my members.

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

**Of Interest** – Mailing from Secretary with dues, nominating committee slate of officers, nomination form for 2020 judges. If you didn't receive yours, please contact [recsec@bcoa.club](mailto:recsec@bcoa.club)

**Hurricane Update** – Three of our BCOA family were impacted by the flooding from Harvey. Three families had to evacuate. Two returned to find no damage, with the floodwaters getting close, but not into their homes. But, unfortunately, we had one member flooded out and with damage to the home. All dogs were safe and all dogs and humans had other housing options. Remember if you suffer from a disaster, the BCOA has assistance available through Borzoi Welfare.

**Current Projects** – I'm very involved in two ongoing BCOA projects. The JEC (Judge's Education Committee) Quick Reference Pamphlet and developing guidelines to create a wider BCOA Mentor Pool. We have received feedback from the membership and we are working to incorporate it into what we'll propose. When I started out as your Regional Governor in 2012, I made this statement:

*As Regional Governor, I serve as a channel of communication between the members and the BCOA Board of Directors. I also see my role as protecting and promoting the breed that is Borzoi.*

Looking back – accomplishments for Region III over the last 6 years

- Adding Borzoi Photos / videos to the BCOA Website - *Great and funny photos are now on the site*
- Rescue - Information and Links to the rescue groups should be on the front (1st) Page of the website.
- Communications Coordinator / Committee - Create a membership publication, both hard copy and electronic. Create a moderated BCOA Members-only group be set up on Yahoo – *Now known as the Borzoi Members Only group*
- Put Teeth into Ethics – *Code of ethics updated and most members have signed*
- ROM Versatility Award – give equal weight to all venues (obedience had more weight) updated to reflect the myriad of new AKC titles. *ROM updated to reflect the large variety of events in which Borzoi participate. Grand Champion Titles were included.*
- Regional and Back-to-Back Specialties (regional idea didn't fly, but *we now have many current Independent Specialties*)
- Promoted the idea of BCOA Members donating unused/extra Borzoi themed note cards to the Keeping in Touch Committee
- Asked membership to consider donating their extra BCOA medallions back to the BCOA
- Obtained the missing BCOA 1940--2003 pictorial archives - transferred onto USBs and distributed to BOD members for safe keeping
- Proposed adding NOHS to the National competition – BCOA lead the way as the first breed club to do so.
- Created the Rachael Hunt Memorial Trophy for the Best Junior Handler
- Proposed offering a Performance TSE – Region III Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club offered the first Performance TSEs
- Proposed and worked on revising the BCOA Membership application to make it more non-breeder friendly
- Created a TV sound bite to use as a Borzoi description that better reflects what a Borzoi truly is and does.

I've probably forgotten a few items that came out of Region III, but as you can see "We Done Good".

I'm stepping aside as I believe it's time to bring new and fresh ideas forward. I wish Shirley well and I'll be happy to act as a resource.

It's been a fun ride.

#### **Region 4 (Lorrie Scott)**

From my regional updates both received and sent;

- BCNC is had their specialty Saturday October 21, 2017. Given the decrease in entries at most shows now a day their entry of 67 was nice to see. I was unable to attend, but I heard a great time was had by all.

- I received a copy of the application, submitted by Leonore Abordo for a TSE to be held in Albuquerque, NM next May.
- Touched base with members who were in areas of the wild fires. For those who evacuated they had needed resources and help. All appreciated knowing BCOA and its network would be available to help.
- BCOA Holter monitor program – The information regarding this program and the link was included in my update. I've had 4 members inquire about the program and 2 members have already participated.
- Our region is set to host the 2020 specialty. I've spoken with two members who wanted to know details about hosting a national specialty. I continue to "advertise" for a venue.

#### **Region 5: Karen Ackerman)**

In my August report to Region 5 Members I asked for feedback on having three National Specialty locations (one eastern, one central and one western) and going back to them, rather than searching for sites/hotels each time the specialty is sponsored by a region. I did get a nice response. Basically, the consensus was that they liked going to different areas of the country. In addition, of concern was how is the geographical east, central and west of the US determined, so it would benefit the members?

Hopefully, this week I will be sending out my regular Region 5 report to my members.

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

- I asked my region to welcome new Region 6 member Kristin Lord.
- I indicated that the Holter rentals have proven popular and that it appears the program will pay for itself.
- I acknowledged regional members Jon & Nancy Reimer for their new dog in the Registry of Merit.
- The region was informed that the Borzoi Finders proposal by Cindi Gredys was authorized to begin and that a link to the program will be added to the website.
- I informed the region that Patti Widick Neale, Jim Sillers, and Jon Steele's names were sent to the AKC as our breed representatives to the media as each of them currently publishes articles on Borzoi.
- I indicated Suzanne Cecere would be involved in the AKC Canine Ambassador Program on behalf of BCOA and that we would be getting a report at our November meeting.
- I asked for additions or corrections to the website.
- I listed the three items that we tabled until the November meeting, the mentor requirements, reasons to retire a kennel name and developing a policy to notify members about borzoi that end up in rescue and asked for member input on those items.
- I reminded my members to complete and return the green dues form and check to Jan, the pink nomination form to Joy and the trophy info to Lorrie no later than Dec. 31.