

## **Regional Governors Spring 2018**

### **Region 1 (Chuck Grabosky)**

- To date, I have not been approached by any BCOA members with questions, comments, or concerns.
- Region 1 members were reminded of upcoming 4-9-18 Board meeting and reminded that the meeting notes from the Winter meeting are published on the website.
- Emails from AKC are being sent out as received.
- Reminders for the BCDV match show was sent to the Region.
- Reminder of upcoming BCNE specialty show was sent to the Region.
- To date, two (2) Region 1 members have not renewed membership.
- Sadly, as you all know, Region 1 lost a great person, Mary Ann Conran. Also on a sad note, although not a BCOA member, BCDV member and fellow Borzoi lover Robert Robert Kraeger passed away. His borzoi were returned to the breeders.
- On a happy note, Region 1 has two new members – great people, Naida Parker and Guy Tarsitano.

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

I want to welcome those of you who are new to Region 2. The Board will be meeting on April 9, so if you have any new or old issues you wish us to address, please let me know before then. We have two new TSEs in Birmingham, Al this year that have 5 point majors both days. Congratulations to Jill Zamowski for making this possible. A big thank you to all who helped Bonnie and Renee after the fire. Once again, please let me know of anything you want the Board to consider. We welcome and encourage your input. Alabama T-SE was very successful.

### **Region 3 (Shirley McFadden)**

My most recent communications with Regions 3 members included the following:

- Request to current members: if you know borzoi owners that are not part of your local borzoi club or BCOA, please invite them to join so we can continue to grow our very special community. The link to BCOA membership information is here: <http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/join-bcoa.html>
- I attached both the BCOA membership application and sponsorship forms that can be printed and mailed.
- I reminded everyone that that we have excellent rates to showcase our beautiful hounds in the BCOA Aristocrat digital Magazine. Information can be found here: <http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/shopping.html> You can use it for new title announcements, litter announcement, kennel ads, articles, TSE reports/pic specialty reports/pic, and other fun and or braggy photos. Submission deadlines to Helen Lee are Feb 15, May 15, Aug 15, & Nov 15.
- Notice of new magazine: And for those of us who also appreciate something to hold in our hands with pages to turn, there is a new independent magazine called Borzoi Review and information can be found here: <https://borzoireview.com/> It is a glossy full color magazine with excellent articles, and it's just beautiful.

**Recent News :** The Lone Star Borzoi Club just held a Specialty and Sweepstakes in Fort Worth, Texas last weekend. I was not able to attend due to illness but I got reports that it was a wonderful show, well

attended and the club members and judges all did a beautiful job. Congratulations to all the winners and all that traveled from afar and had a great time with their dogs.

**Reminder** that the The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club spring Specialty in conjunction with the Terry-All Kennel Club closes Wed March 28, 2018 Sent link to superintendent Jack Onofrio.

**Made announcement** that Prudence Hlatky is chairing a BCOA Supported Trophy Supported Entries July 20, 2018 in Houston in conjunction with the Houston Kennel Club Dog Shows. Sweeps Judge is Veni Harlan and Regular Judge is Jon Cole. Please get with Prudence for more information especially if you would like to sponsor trophies. Prudence can be contacted at [soyara@aol.com](mailto:soyara@aol.com)

**Made announcement** that The Lone Star Borzoi Club is planning to have one or more specialty shows in conjunction with the Cen-Tex Kennel Club all breed show at the Bell County Expo Sept 29, 2018.

**Gave updates on Rescue Funds approved motion from last annual meeting: RESCUE:** The BCOA board has been working on a motion that passed at the last annual meeting in regards to distribution of the BTRC funds to borzoi rescues and that some BCOA member /owner supportive criteria be established. This is a very passionate topic for everyone involved. Please know that the Board is working very hard to represent you on this while also fostering a positive working relationship supporting the invaluable work that rescue does for our beloved breed. As of this date, a pretty lengthy itemized response was given by NBRF to each proposed guideline that was submitted by the BCOA board. I am certain this will require a lot of time for the board to review and possible special meetings to discuss all of the points and possible scenarios that was proposed.

**Gave reminder for memorial information: \*IMPORTANT-** If you know of a member of the borzoi community that has passed away in the last year, please contact Sandra Moore [avalonborzoi@blomand.net](mailto:avalonborzoi@blomand.net) as soon as possible to give her Memorial information for the BCOA National Specialty Catalog.

**INPUT REQUESTED:** A discovery committee was requested at the last meeting to have a set of criteria or guidelines for BCOA to standardized the request for retiring kennel names. What are your thoughts on this? Some ideas are a narrative of overall general contribution to the breed, BCOA Membership, historical significance, number of titles earned by the kennel, etc.

Feedback received from one member so far:

From Amy Sorbie:

1. Should have bred at least 10 litters (at least three of those litters should be bred solely by the kennel owner) I don't think people should be able to retire their kennel name if they have only co-bred with another breeder.
2. The breeder should be breeding for at least 25 years.
3. Breeders should have bred at least 20 champions/titled dogs. (all in one fancy not 10 champions and 10 lure coursing titles)
4. Need to be a lifetime member of BCOA.
5. Breeder should have bred at least five dogs with a "significant win" SBIS, BIS, BIF
6. Breeder must have bred at least three Nationally ranked (top 10) dogs (breed system) for conformation or performance. I know that these are steep requirements but I feel this should be a pretty rare occurrence and not something that 50% of the club can eventually do.

**INPUT REQUESTED:** Veni Harlan is requesting that the board review the ROM and Versatility programs to have possibly another lower tier or even maybe another separate award program (Talented Borzoi Award program, for example) that is easier to achieve without the performance titles.

**Rationale:** Some areas of the country have lots of performance events in concentrated areas, but other parts of the country there is little to no opportunity for borzoi to achieve these without significant burden of driving long distances to even attend one event let alone, enough to eventually earn the titles. She requests that BCOA consider taking the cue from AKC to consider adding some of the other fun "titles" the AKC now awards to be inclusive and give more borzoi and their owners a change to strive for rewarding and achievable goals. Some of the new titles are Trick dog, Barn Hunt, Farm Dog, etc.

**Feedback Received:** Summarized, from Linda Beisswenger she also would like to see the other fun and diverse titles added to the program but with low scores. She did point out that the current system for ROM needs some reworking anyways since there is no longer a RAE title. She also likes the idea of a new separate program as an alternative.

My thoughts, what about a separate program that BCOA recognizes the dogs who obtain Achiever Dog titles and maybe also have tiered system for those accomplishments that are not currently part of the current Versatility or ROM programs such as therapy dogs, CGC, trick dogs, etc. This would serve to encourage borzoi owner to do more with their dog within their unique interests and opportunities and work toward a special BCOA recognition. Points could be earned and included in the Top 5 Awards .

- **Notice of: AKC Canine Ambassador Program:** This is headed up by borzoi mom Susanne Cecere [ceceresusanne@yahoo.com](mailto:ceceresusanne@yahoo.com) This would be a great way to showcase our breed to the public and a great opportunity for our pet owners to become more active with their borzoi and provide a benefit to the borzoi community. Please encourage your puppy owners to look into this!
- By request, Updated region on status of BCOA Mentor requirements committee. Plan is to have the requirements submitted to the board, then published prior to the member educations session at the national. A copy of the current guidelines was sent for review as well as to remind all who serve as mentors, tutors, kennel visits to use verbiage from the standard.
- Forwarded BCOA membership directory for proofing
- Advised members to please review the most recent minutes for BCOA Board reports and Standing Committee Reports at these links:  
<http://www.borzoiclubofamerica.org/minutes/2018/MinutesFeb2018.pdf>

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

#### **Region 5 (Karen Ackerman)**

The last few months have whizzed by since my last report. In the interim, I have emailed Region 5 members about a variety of items: voting for nominations of the 2020 National Specialty judges, voting on the final ballot due April 30, 2018 for those nominated judges, and reviewing their pertinent information in the 2018 BCOA Membership Directory, definition of a BCOA life membership and so forth.

In addition, I have contacted a new Borzoi person in our region and set up a tentative meeting with her at the 2018 National Specialty.

My most current emailed report is attached for your review.

Region 5 Members:

It is time again for another meeting of the BCOA Board via telephone conference call, prior to our face to face at the National Specialty in Richland this May. Please let me know of any issues which may be of concern to you. On the agenda our pending topics include the following:

NBRF Policy for Notifying Breeders  
BCOA National Disaster Program  
Retired Kennel Names  
DC Stakes/ Generation Class Judges Update  
Updating Mentor List for Website

Also, I have included the 2018 BCOA Membership Directory. Please scrutinize your information for accuracy. If any errors, please notify Joy Windle at [recsec@bcoa.com](mailto:recsec@bcoa.com) with the page number on which the correction(s) needs made. Please have to her by April 4, 2018.

As I have had some questions about what constitutes a BCOA life membership, I am providing this definition of the BCOA life membership from the BCOA webpage. To be considered a life member, a person must be a member of the BCOA for twenty-five years without a lapse in membership. The title of Life Member is automatically conferred upon each person who has been a member in good standing for 25 consecutive years or for 35 years, not necessarily consecutive.

In addition, all of you have, hopefully, received your final ballot for the 2020 National Specialty Judge selection. If not, please advise. Instructions are at the bottom of the page for voting either via the postal service or via email. Deadline for this is 6PM PDT on April 30, 2018. Please vote!!

The 2018 National Specialty is around the corner. Hopefully, all of you will be attending. Should you be interested in donating your time and efforts, please let Carol Enz or myself know. In addition, should you want to make a monetary contribution, please contact Lorrie Scott. Her email address is [aruzia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aruzia@sbcglobal.net).

Finally, should any of you want to have a meeting of Region 5 members, while I am in Richland. Please let me know. If not, I can meet with you individually. I just need to know. To be effective, I need input from you!!

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

In my Regional update, I welcomed the new members to my region. I indicated that all members in the region are paid up in dues.

I mentioned the highlights of the last Board meeting:  
AKC approved the retirement of the Rising Star kennel name. We appointed a committee to devise the criteria by which borzoi kennel names may be retired.

Stated that Ron would be asking Prudence to put together and submit rationale for retiring Sunbarr as a borzoi kennel name. Since the kennel was in our region, I asked if any of the members could assist Prudence in this endeavor to please contact her.

- Informed the region that BR-NC has been folded into NBRF, therefore, NBRF is now the only 501 (c) 3 for borzoi.
- Identified the 4 sections of the standing rules that have been revised.
- Stated that the new judges education mentoring guidelines along with the judges reference tri-fold brochure will be presented at the member education event at the National.
- Noted that we received a response from NBRF regarding the Policy for Notifying Members about Borzoi in Rescue.
- Indicated the addition of a Nosework demonstration at the 2018 National Specialty and that an actual event will be offered at the 2019 National Specialty.

- Mentioned that the standing committee chairs were invited to a meeting for the first time and that the job description for each committee chair will be revised or created if none has previously existed.
- Listed the new ROM sires and dam.
- I attached the membership directory and asked for corrections.
- I stated the next BCOA Board meeting would take place on April 9 and asked for input from regional members.
- Lastly, I reminded the members to advertise in the Aristocrat!