

Standing Committee Reports

Winter 2018

AKC Ambassadors (Susanne Cecere)

The Ambassador program has been approved by BCOA . I have been in touch with AKC and have received some input. I have talked to some BCOA members and asked them to come on board. This program will get more and more people acquainted with our beautiful breed. My first official act as ambassador was to organize Borzoi owners from South and North Carolina to walk in the Blythewood Christmas Parade. We had 11 Borzoi with their owners to walk the parade. We were very well received. I have also contacted our Sheriff's department, Department of Education to do combined programs, Optimist Club to do combined and educational programs. I would like to see a letter to the membership informing about this new program and ask that anyone interested to contact me. Also, at next year's National, it would be nice to recognize people who have "stepped up" and give a certificate and a small ribbon.

I am also open to any suggestions.

Annual Awards (Nancy G. Katsarelas)

Currently there is little to do but when the National Specialty gets closer I will be going crazy trying to get awards ordered with the correct information engraved on each plaque given out at the awards banquet.

Ron asked me to list some of my problems in the hopes the board and our committee chairs will be able to help, when it is necessary, to get correct information for the Awards in a timely manner.

1. Receiving information in a timely manner. Yes, it would be nice to be notified at the same time as the club member is notified of their win. (Barb Lord wins my prize for getting me the first top win of 2017-Best Junior).
2. Provided me the members name, the full registered name of their dog, the category they have won. I have had a problem with being given the "call" name of a dog, or to be told that I can look up the winner on AKC website.
3. Please, please provide me the winners email address (CURRENT address). When my list is prepared I like to send to the Chair of activity committee and to the owner of dog to verify that all information to be engraved on aware is correct. Wouldn't be a bad idea if when a winner is notified by telephone and/or email I could be cc'd at the same time. (see above)
4. Please, when notifying club members/owners of wining top place, explain that a picture of the dog is also being requested and provide my email address or better yet copy me when you notify said winner. See item #2 and #3
5. One of the areas that has been a problem is the list of titles, if the titles are AKC recognized titles and/or if the titles are recognized by our club if the engraving is to include all, I need to have that information. Not helpful when the winner received their award I get a notice that there is a title missing.
6. If at all possible would the Board consider the dogs full registered name and all its registered owners rather than only the owner that is a BCOA member? See next item

To Ponder: A couple times there has been an owner (often out of several) that is not a member but is voted to be approved as a member at the Specialty, The board has already approved the membership. I have been told to leave their name off the award. This, to me, just doesn't seem to make much sense. Don't we know that they are shortly to become members of the club? And it seems to me that the full registration would be the correct identification of the winning dog (give or take a title or title level not yet in AKC system as of win period). Maybe this needs to be clarified. The dog and one of the owners has achieved the status of a TOP BCOA winner. Sticky issue? I don't think so!

7. Question asked by the trophy company, what will the number of awards be for 2017 and are we maintaining the same BCOA logo. They can order the number of plaques that we will need and have the engraving plates prepared with our logo before I get the final winners list to them. This helps them during a time of year when they are extremely busy (Michigan State University and the State of Michigan alone keep them hopping in the Spring). I have attached what I believe is the current list of TOP Dog Award categories. . Please check and determine if there are any new, changed, deleted winners' category that I need to be aware of before the award preparation time starts. (see attachment)

Of course, a couple times there have been awards given out that had to be re-done because a title or a name was not correct. That is the main reason I try to get so many of our club members involved in reviewing the list of awards before the engraving is started.

I have thirteen categories and feel that there might be a new one not yet on my list. (see attached list). There was discussion of Top Producing Sire and Top Producing dam last year, but I didn't get the go ahead to add to my list. My information from last year is those two have been held while the club figures out how the winners would be determined (and who would do the calculating). Keep me posted.

I have also attached the list of awards given to Renee McCartin (during my chair time) because I saw on the proposed agenda that replacing her awards will be discussed. I have gone ahead on my own to discuss with the trophy company what the cost would be. If plaques are purchased with our normal order they will cost about \$50 which includes the engraving. If they are shipped directly to Renee there will be a cost not known at this time. If they are shipped along with the 2017 awards to Specialty someone will have to pick up or there will be an additional charge to ship them back to Renee. The company would be able to separately bill Renee but she would get the break of the plaques and engraving cost by having them done at the same time as our current Specialty awards (except for the separate shipping directly to Renee).

All the Renee's award pictures are available!

I would like to take this time to note that for all the several years I have been the award chairperson I have been extremely lucky to have a President (Lydia and Rebecca) as well as club members like K C Artley, Melissa Pierce, Barb Lord, Karen Ackerman, and so many others who have helped me get names and titles of dogs so that the awards are correct (or as correct as we are able to get them).

Also thanks to Melissa Pierce for all her help, each year, with sizing and fixing pictures to be used on award plaques. She has managed to take out unnecessary background items as well as other dogs in picture, and has enhanced the image of our winning dogs to every owners' satisfaction.

Annual Versatility Awards (Kay Novotny)

I am happy to report that BCOA had 3 dogs submitted for consideration for the Annual Versatility Award.

The overall winner for 20167 was:

CH Hemlock Hollow Aruzia Journey to Tahoe, CGC, RN, JC, SC, BN, call name Joe. HP 48679408.

Joe achieved a total score of 39.1 points! Hearty congratulations to owners Steven and K. C. Artley, breeders Christine Danker and Lorrie Scott!

The other applicants and their scores in order:

2. Score 28.6: Kirov Windrift Flying Above Tahoe, JC, SC, HP 49909003, Also owned by K. C. Artley, breeders Barbara Ewing and Nancy Reimer.
3. Score 13.5: Islehaven Sentinel, CGCA, CGCU, TKI, HP 51081903, Owner Linda Beisswenger, breeder Phyllis Potter.

Congratulations to all these wonderful dogs for having a great 2017!

Also, I would like to report that 1 dog has been submitted for a life-time achievement versatility award. The dog is:

1. DC Avalon Ww Darkskaya Dare, RN, SC, CGC. HP 44574105. Owners: Leigh Paintin and Lenore Abordo, breeders Sandra Moore, Susan Vandewater, Diana Embry, and Shelby Bergstressor.

Congratulations to this dog and her owners for their lifetime achievements in many disciplines!

***Aristocrat* (Helen Lee)**

It's always helpful if the regional directors would encourage their members to put in ads AND articles of general interest. Also, TSE reports (with 1 photo) would be wonderful. I can't remember the last time I got one.

I need to keep a running notepad of ideas, because I'm sure there are other things I could say but I can't think of a darn thing offhand. Veni suggested requiring TSE chair to send photo of BoB & list of winners for *Aristocrat*.

BCOA Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue (BTRC)

(A Sub-Committee of The Borzoi Club of America)

The Annual BTRC Budget Proposal Meeting - January 22, 2018

The BTRC held the annual budget proposal meeting on January 22, 2018, 6:30pm Eastern. The meeting was called to order by the BTRC Chair Barbara O'Neill with the following committee members present: Rebecca Peters-Campbell,

Barbara O'Neill, Joyce Katona, Dee Jones, Shen Smith & Ron Williams. A quorum was established. Financial Advisor Kelly Brunarski, PhD was in attendance, but Karen Denning, PhD was absent due to a schedule conflict.

Minutes of October 16, 2017: A motion was made by Rebecca Peters-Campbell, seconded by Joyce Katona, to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017 as distributed. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-Yes 0-No.

BTRC Secretary Report: Shen Smith indicated the BTRC was extremely productive during 2017; here is a recap of the year:

2017 BTRC Meetings: there were three BTRC telephone conference meetings held in 2017: January 23 (Budget), April 10 & October 16 (All using Chorus Call). 2017 Schwab Account Statements: Twelve (12) Schwab account statements for BCOA-BTRC Rescue Accounts #1 & #2 were provided to the members of the BTRC and the BCOA BoD.

2017 January - Beverly C Taylor Estate Closed: the Beverly C. Taylor estate was finally permanently closed out. In Oct/2016, BCOA received a check in the amount of \$163,500, and in January 2017 a final check was received in the amount of \$6,583.90. With the total funds now nicely over one million dollars thanks to the generosity and thoughtfulness of Beverly Taylor. Since the inception of the Beverly C Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue there has been \$225,000 distributed to the benefit of Borzoi Rescue.

2017 January Distributions: all operational expenses will be paid from ResAcct#2; reserving the ResAcct#1 principal of \$911K for earnings toward rescue distributions. ResAcct#2 made distribution to BCOA for reimbursement of BTRC operational expenses of \$582.41. ResAcct#1 distribution to benefit rescue was based on \$23,136.41 in funds available for consideration. Final distribution was approved at: \$15,424.82 (2/3) to National Borzoi Rescue Foundation, and \$7,712.14 (1/3) to Borzoi Rescue Northern California. Also from ResAcct#1 payable to Schwab was a \$20 express mail fee for delivering emergency funds to Borzoi Rescue Northern California regarding the 28 Borzoi rescue situation. Thank you letters were received from NBRF and BR-NC expressing gratitude and blessings for the speed of getting funds to them.

2017 April the BTRC reviewed and created a new 501(c)3 Rescue Group Application Form which was approved by the BTRC and by the BCOA BoD.

2017 October Modification to ResAcct #2 the "in-cash" amount to be retained in ResAcct #2 was motioned to become \$5,600 - instead of \$25K. The difference was invested and put to work earning interest & dividends.

2017 December all funds (except the retained \$5,600) were invested and earning interest & dividends. All investments were in accordance with the BTRC Investment Policy.

2017 Operational Expenses Incurred by BTRC

\$334.99 \$ 71.92 \$ 13.70 \$ 5.88 \$ 40.98 **\$457.47**

Chorus Call (3 Conference Calls 1/23, 4/10 & 10/16) 1/26/2017 Federal Express (to Karen Mays) Ck#8614 2/24/2017 USPO Priority Mail Stamps (to O'Neill & Schwab) \$6.85 ea 2/26/2017 12 Forever Stamps (\$.49 ea) 4/02/2017 Federal Express (to Rebecca Peters-Campbell) **Total Out-of-Pocket Expenses to be reimbursed to BCOA.**

2018 Borzoi Rescue Distributions ResAcct #1 the reserved core base principal amount on 1/1/2017 was \$911K. The ending 12/31/2017 statement balance was **\$932,084.77**. As of 12/31/2017, the funds available for consideration are **\$21,084.77** which reflects approximately 3% of the funds in Rescue Acct #1.

A motion was made by Joyce Katona, 2nd by Ron Williams to accept the BTRC 2017 EOY Secretary Report. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-Yes 0-No

UNFINISHED BUSINESS BCOA Disaster Program was discussed regarding the committee make-up. Ron Williams indicated he has

added Dee Jones to the committee as there is a need for continuity between the BCOA and the BTRC.

Membership Meeting Motion to Withhold Funding to Rescue was discussed with a quick review of a proposed draft created by the BCOA for all rescues which qualify for rescue funds. Reviewing the draft it was pointed out the words "BCOA members in good standing" needs to be added. A question was raised by Dee Jones asking how the original motion pertains to this budget meeting and what will happen with distributions this year for rescue. There was disappointment expressed within the BTRC regarding the length of time the BCOA has taken toward resolving the problem. Chair O'Neill stated the BTRC will proceed as normal in creating the 2018 Budget Proposal for BCOA review as there is nothing the BTRC can do about the problem.

Ron Williams indicated he has spoken with NBRF and these issues will be on his agenda for the upcoming BCOA BoD meeting the first week in February. Chair O'Neill stated hopefully it will be resolved and will not have an impact on the 2018 rescue distribution or the reimbursement to BCOA for their out of pocket expenses.

NEW BUSINESS

Borzoi Rescue of Northern California as of December 31, 2017, the BR-NC has dissolved their 501(c)3 rescue organization. Chair O'Neill thanked the staff at BR-NC for their dedication to helping Borzoi in distress during all of the years and stated that they will be sadly missed.

Annual Review of the BTRC Investment Policy and to notify the Borzoi Club of America that the BTRC has not proposed any changes to the BCOA-BTRC Investment Policy for this year. All investments initiated in the 2018 year will be in keeping with the currently approved investment policy. After further discussion, a motion was made by Joyce Katona, 2nd by Shen Smith to approve the existing Investment Policy for investment decision use in the 2018 year. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-Yes 0-No

2018 Proposed Fund Distributions ResAcct #2 the out of pocket expense incurred by BCOA in 2017 was **\$457.47** which covered three conference calls and various mailing expenses. A motion was made by Dee Jones, 2nd by Ron Williams to authorize release of this amount to reimburse BCOA. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-Yes 0-No. ResAcct #1 the reserved core principal base amount for 2017 was \$911,000. The ending December 31, 2017 Schwab statement indicated an increase of funds by **\$21,084.77** available for distribution.

The National inflation rate was discussed noting the rate at the end of December/17 was 2.1% which triggered discussion about retaining funds this year to help offset the inflation rate. Kelly Brunarski indicated anytime you can offset inflation it is a sound practice and should be done since no funds have been retained in the past, and all earnings have been distributed to rescue. Shen Smith felt the fund couldn't cover retaining the full inflation rate as that would leave little for rescue, but if just 1% was retained annually this would be very helpful in maintaining the principal.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Rebecca Peters-Campbell to retain 1% (\$5,000) from the 2017 earnings. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-Yes 0-No. The current reserved core principal base for earnings is being raised from \$911,000 to \$916,000 for this earning year.

Borzoi Rescue Distribution: discussion regarding 2018 distribution to **National Borzoi Rescue Foundation** resulted in a motion by Dee Jones, 2nd by Joyce Katona to approve distribution of **\$16,084.77** to NBRF for the benefit of Borzoi rescue. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-Yes 0-No.

Upcoming ResAcct #1 Reinvestments: by June 1st there will be an approx \$60,000 maturing for reinvestment. Earlier, both financial advisors were asked their opinions on how these funds should be reinvested (short-term or longer term), and if they might advise toward bonds, bond funds or certificates of deposit during this time when the Feds are scheduling several interest rate hikes during the year. Both advisors indicated mid-range in corporate bonds advisable until it is determined exactly what the Feds decide to do this year. Nothing is to be invested into certificates of deposit, but some funds may be added to the a bond mutual fund to help keep investments more liquid. A motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Dee Jones to follow the advice of the advisors for these maturing funds. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-Yes 0-No.

Upcoming ResAcct#2 Reinvestment and possible restructuring of account investments this account currently contains approximately a bit over \$170,000 all currently invested except \$5,600 which is retained in cash. When this account was first opened it was thought these funds should be maintained more liquid and invested much shorter term than the funds in ResAcct#1. But, as short as the current investments are, the account hasn't been able to earn enough interest to cover even the out of pocket payments to BCOA for BTRC expenses during 2016 & 2017. Discussion was then undertaken to determine a stronger and longer term investment policy for this account.

More discussion was started to determine how much of the account should actually be kept very liquid. Chair O'Neill suggested the BTRC may have overestimated the amount of liquidity needed by using a "**worst case scenario**", and underestimated the length of time before a BCOA plan is in place for the Borzoi Disaster program. She indicated the liquidity should be okay with the account currently holding \$15,000 in a quick turn-around bond fund (and with \$5600 in cash) this gives the BTRC \$20,600 in available aid for assisted coverage of large rescues in about 7-8 days. Kelly Brunarski indicated she didn't see any problem with taking reinvestments out further and purchasing corporate bonds as the current instruments mature. After further discussion, a motion was made by Dee Jones, 2nd by Shen Smith that part of

the funds be put into a bond fund, and as more investments mature they are reinvested half in mid-range and half in long range bonds continuing until this account is again reevaluated. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-Yes 0-No.

As there was no further business at this time, a motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Dee Jones to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted, Shen Smith, BCOA-BTRC Secretary

Breed Welfare (Dee Jones)

There were no requests for personal emergency assistance in 2017, despite the storms and fires.

Borzoi Rescue – North California(BR-NC) has ceased operation effective Dec. 31, 2017, leaving our breed with only the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation (NBRF). BR-NC's final report is included in this Board Report. Nancy Joeckel has told me that she has completed all legal paperwork to close the 501 c (3). She has also sent appropriate notification to the Bev Taylor Committee. I would like to thank Nancy Joeckel and Jacqueline Gregory for their dedication and support of Borzoi in need throughout their area. Their assistance saved the lives of many Borzoi and their efforts will be missed. Thank you, Nancy and Jacqueline for your years of service to Borzoi Rescue.

BR-NC, Final Report – Submitted by Nancy Joeckel

No 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. We had no dogs in Rescue this 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. We had no dogs in our Referral Program this quarter.

Dissolution of BR-NC On Nov. 20, 2017 the Board of Directors voted to close BR-NC and fold its operations into the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation as of December 31, 2017. Our GoFundMe fundraiser and other donations have enabled us to repay our \$3000 loan from NBRF and cover some end of year expenses. By the Board's direction, and according to our by-laws, the funds remaining in our treasury will be transferred to NBRF as part of our corporate. We have a long history of successful cooperation with NBRF. At year's end we can report that the transfer of BR-NC's responsibilities, records, and funds has been seamless. Our adoptive owners, volunteers, and donors have overwhelmingly supported this change, and we believe they will continue to support NBRF into the future.

NBRF – Submitted by Liz Duncan

2017 Year End Report - January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2017

Total number of borzoi taken into rescue by NBRF in 2017 = 13, all of which were placed in their permanent forever homes by year end.

There are an additional 3 borzoi that are in long term foster care with owner reimbursing all expenses to NBRF while he is in Australia caring for his ailing mother.

Our veterinary expenditures were extremely modest at only \$5,319.56 for the year. We are thankful to several of our fosters who were able to obtain deep veterinary discounts for veterinary care for NBRF rescue borzoi in their care. All borzoi placed by NBRF are spayed/neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, heartworm/4DX tested and are current on all vet care before being placed in permanent homes.

Additional expenditures for the year, which include but is not limited to our toll free number, internet/website, postage, fuel reimbursement for transports, insurance, paypal fees on donations received, and rescue supplies that include collars, leads, tags, microchips, totaled \$6,596.45.

We received \$15,424.82 from the Beverly Taylor Trust Fund in March and are appreciative of the continued dedication by the BTTF Board. We also received \$116.00 from wine sales at Benefit Wines, \$739.82 from Amazon Smile, and \$927.80 from various fundraisers.

International 2017 Year End Summary: Total number of borzoi assisted by NBRF-International = 9 with 8 of the 9 actually coming to the USA and one remaining in an adoptive home in Russia after medical needs were met by NBRF-I. Medical expenses, transport, and airfare is very costly for our International efforts; however only funds specifically donated by individuals FOR International Rescue are ever used on International dogs with fundraisers also being done on www.GoFundMe.com.

NBRF-I is currently working with a reputable rescue in China for a large rescue effort of borzoi and the first of the 5 total borzoi that are coming to the USA will be arriving next weekend.

Beverly C. Taylor National Disaster Program

We have done a little research to make sure we are on the right path with the National Disaster Program. We have found from an informal legal opinion that the BCOA will need to establish a 501(c)3 for this program to use the monies from the Bev Taylor estate. This is not a big deal but something that needs to be taken into consideration by the new committee.

Here are the Article X areas where the National Disaster Program will meet the objectives of the Bev Taylor Will AS LONG AS the BCOA creates a new 501(c)3 Borzoi-Only Rescue which would manage the BCOA disaster program.

BCOA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

Article X - Section 1 – Name and Purpose of the Trust

(c) Borzoi Rescue Definition: to save dogs of the Borzoi breed from danger, confinement, or undesirable conditions, bringing them to health when necessary, and finding them a happy home.

(d) Borzoi Rescue Activities:

- (1) Shelter and foster care;
- (2) Adoption services;
- (3) Education of the breed to adoptive parents;
- (4) Provide veterinary care when needed; and
- (5) Provide spay/neuter services

Article X - Section 3 Termination (a) In the event of dissolution of the Borzoi Club of America, the Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue shall terminate, and after payment of any outstanding debts or obligations of the Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue, the Directors shall distribute the remaining assets and proceeds in Trust to various 501(c)(3) organizations created for the purpose of Borzoi Rescue.

Conformation Champion Medals (Chris Danker)

156 Borzoi completed their Championships in 2017.

Of these, 112 are owned by first-listed BCOA members, and are eligible for a medal.

Health (Nancy Hopkins): See accompanying pdf's

Health Research (Ginger Jones)

Borzoi Heart Research – Sudden Death potential study – Drs. Gelzer & Meurs

Nancy Hopkins and I had a conference call on October 26, 2017 with representatives from the CHF – Andrea Fiumefreddo and Diane Brown DVM PhD DACVP, and Drs. Gelzer & Meurs. We discussed next steps and established the criteria for transmitting the holter data to Alba and then forwarding the report results to Dr. Glezer for interpretation and did a quick review of any other criteria Dr. Meurs might need included. Drs. Gelzer & Meurs agreed to continue to review the submitted holter results through the end of the year to determine if there would be enough cumulative data to continue moving forward with DNA research or not. There is still holter data being submitted. Dr. Meurs indicated based on the results she has seen so far, she requested we start testing puppies of 15 weeks of age where there is a history of sudden death incidences in the pedigree. She wants to determine if the presentation is similar to what was discovered in her research on German Shepherd Dogs, that these dogs at risk for sudden death only show substantially abnormal heart rhythms at an early age. Andrea from the CHF will schedule our follow up conference call sometime in the first quarter of 2018 – date and time TBD.

Renee McCartin proceeded with her fundraiser calendar project to support the cardiac study. Some of these funds from the 2017 project have been used to purchase some of the holter equipment. Once her life settles down a bit from the recent fire and home loss, she will provide the profit amount for the 2018 calendars.

Nancy and I discussed the expenses that will be incurred by the participants in this project as an ongoing annual 24-hour holter event. We agreed to put on hold for the time being supporting any other CHF research grants so as to be able to use funds to defer some of the expenses associated with annual follow up exams for the participants should Drs. Gelzer and Meurs be able to move forward with the research.

Canine Health Foundation Research Grants Portfolio for 2018

At the end of the year 2017, I received the grants portfolio from the CHF with a thank you letter for our continued support and a 2018 Champions of Health Canine Chronicle calendar. There was a total of 87 grants, with 30 of these being new submissions. Of these grants, 7 were dedicated to heart research, some of these breed specific MOUs. There were two grants for thyroid disease, one of which is to utilize OFA testing to assess Progression of Canine Autoimmune Thyroiditis. There are 3 grants on bloat, two of which are ongoing since January of 2014, the other one breed specific to German Shepherd Dogs. There is one project dedicated to understanding the genetics of adverse drug reactions in Sighthounds – specifically identifying a gene mutation associated with metabolism that causes slower than normal recovery time from anesthesia with a goal to develop a genetic test for this mutation. There are two studies for DM and 17 studies in Oncology. The grant we were supporting #02215 for A Cancer Vaccine for Canine Osteosarcoma grant period ended December 31, 2017, of which the final report will be provided but has not yet been received as of this writing. There are also 7 Ophthalmology grants, of these one is on Microphthalmia in the Portuguese Water Dog and one on PRA in the Miniature Schauzers.

As previously mentioned, we are not seeking board approval to support any of these grants at this time.

Judges Education (Patti W. Neale)

There have been no formal Borzoi judges education events since the DJAA Seminar in Houston in July.

Marilyn Polsfuss will be giving a Borzoi presentation on March 7th to the Minnesota judges group on March 7th.

The National Judges Study Group will be held on Friday May 25, and Saturday the 26th in Richland. Notice has been sent to the AKC seminars listing. We have had a couple of people express interest, but the location has put others off from attending this year. I will advertise on the Judges List as usual.

Our printed handout that supplements the Visualization is a collection of articles that need revamping, both in content, and in format. Because it is printed in small batches once or twice a year, changes can easily be accommodated.

Jon Steele has agreed to serve on the Judges Education committee for ongoing refinement of seminar material.

I received a complaint from a member about an individual serving as a purported parent club ringside mentor at an event, and disparaging the competitors' dogs. This is one of many similar complaints that I have fielded over time, and not something that can be acted upon from this, or probably any, office. One would hope that a student judge would take negativity and factor it into the value of their educational experience, but the fact remains that the student judge WILL check a box as having been educated. Current AKC judging application requirements for who can serve as a mentor are in the Judges Application Process document on the Judging Resource page of the website.

Mentors, Tutors and Kennel Visits

Credit received for documented educational experience with parent club mentor or individual meeting AKC's criteria (**12 years as approved Judge or 12 years exhibiting breed**). (With respect to Low Entry Breeds the Department may accept Mentors and Tutors other than those qualified as above.)

Multiple experiences with the same individual equates to Mentor. Same individual may not be used as a mentor and/or tutor and/or kennel visit.

Ringside Observation with Breed Mentor at an AKC show with major present.

The emphasis is on the experience, so the totality of the entry may be considered by the Department if/when major is not present.

A Breed Mentor may exhibit at the show but must be available for discussion during the major entry.

The reality of who may mentor, whether or not BCOA approves, is stated above. Also, with so much of the country needing only four Borzoi to make a major, a ringside mentoring experience could be four Borzoi with an exhibitor who need not even have bred Borzoi. Since many student judges use this method to gain credits, and do not ever make it to our specialties, it is not surprising that we have uneven talent judging in the ring.

For those who are receiving approval as BCOA mentors, ethical guidelines must be stressed, and mentors need to study and be conversant on the expectations and requirements of the AKC application process as well.

Junior Showmen (Barbara T. Lord):

2017 End of Year Report

Dear Borzoi Club of America Board of Directors and Membership,

Listed below please find the complete list of BCOA junior members and non-members exhibiting Borzoi in AKC junior showmanship competition throughout the United States, during the 2017 calendar year (*January 1, 2017 up to and including December 31, 2017 as per the Canine Chronicle*):

Patti, Elise - 256 *

Yankowski, Logan – 172

Gilbert, Madison – 92 *

Capton, Riley - 54

Piquet, Shannon – 19

Lucero, Robbi Jo – 18

Towell, Cortlund – 9

Wilkinson, Jordan – 6

Preuett, Ceaira – 2

Wagner, Annelise – 1

(* = denotes BCOA Family or Junior Member)

Congratulations to BCOA Junior member, Elise Patti, the Borzoi Club of America's 2017 BCOA Top Junior Showman. We send you best wishes for continued success, Elise! In addition, I would like to congratulate the following recipients who qualified for our 2017 BCOA Top Five Junior Showman Certificates:

1. Elise Patti
2. Logan Yankowski
3. Madison Gilbert
4. Riley Capton
5. Shannon Piquet

I would appreciate club members sharing with me privately at: warwindfarm@gmail.com, any contact information for the above listed youngsters who are not current members of our club (either via family or junior membership). Contact information would allow me to reach out to these junior handlers, as well as their families, and invite them to apply to become Borzoi Club of America members.

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.

In addition, a junior member who qualifies for either Westminster or the national Championship while handling a Borzoi can apply for a scholarship that will help towards reimbursement of expenses from attending these events:
Process:

[Applications](#) are to be submitted to the Junior Committee Chairman no later than November 15. Barbara Tyler Lord, Junior Chairman, will forward the applications to the BCOA Board prior to the November BCOA Board meeting. The Board will review and approve (or not) disbursement of designated funds to applicants once receipts have been received by the Junior Chairman, proving attendance at the applied for event.

The Board will set the amount for disbursement; the amount will be contingent on the available funds in the BCOA Junior Charitable account.

The Board will notify the Junior Chairman of the amount to be disbursed to each applicant. The checks will be sent by the Treasurer to the Chairman who will release them upon verification of event receipts.

In closing, thank you to those BCOA members who have taken the time to get to know and support our junior member handlers. I believe it is imperative that we provide these youngsters with the encouragement and the tools to not only be good citizens, but valued guardians of our breed. After all, the future of our breed rests with the young people involved with our breed today!

KIT (Edna Ogata)

Autumn 2017

July 17, 2017 Get well to K. Averill
July 29, 2017 Birthday card to D. Kostishack
August 26, 2017 Birthday card to W. Reddick
September 12, 2017 Sympathy card to H. Duncan

Winter 2018

Activities:

October 14, 2017 Birthday card to W. Brumlow
November 10, 2017 Birthday card to G. Pinette
November 13, 2017 Birthday card to B. Todd
December 12, 2017 Birthday card to E. Thompson
January 4, 2018 Encouragement card to R. McCartin
January 4, 2018 Encouragement card to B. Dalzell

Legislative Liaison (Rita Rice)

First and foremost, the “new” Animal Welfare Act/Retail Pet Store interpretation is still under effect with the new administration. The Q&A can be found here:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_welfare/2013/faq_retail_pets_final_rule.pdf

Here is the checklist regarding whether or not an individual is covered under the new rule:https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_welfare/2013/retail_pets_checklist.pdf

This is the guideline document for compliance:

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/downloads/retail-pet-store-guidance.pdf

As always, interested members can always check the AKC Legislative Alerts page for information on bills being proposed in their individual states:

<http://www.akc.org/government-relations/legislative-alerts/>

The AKC submitted its response to the AWA ruling in October 2017. Their detailed response can be found here:

<https://cqcengage.com/akc/file/i6w3g8E0DZo/AKC%20Comment%20to%20USDA%20APHIS%20Docket%20Number%20APHIS-2017-0062%20RIN%200579-AE35%20FINAL.pdf>

APHIS is requesting input regarding using a third party to perform inspections:

Obviously, most of us in the breeding world think this is a BAD IDEA. Third party inspectors could be paid for by other interested entities, including the HSUS.

If you are interested in commenting via mail, you can send an opinion to the following address:

Docket No. APHIS–2017–0102,
Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD,
APHIS, Station 3A–03.8,
4700 River Road Unit 118,
Riverdale, MD 20737–1238

Full details can be found here:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-01-22/pdf/2018-00966.pdf>

As always, I encourage all borzoi owners to be aware of federal, state, and local ordinances that impact ownership, husbandry, and breeding. If anyone would like assistance in finding that information, I'm happy to help!

Lure Coursing Statistician (Leonore Abordo)

The top-10 for calendar year 2017 for ASFA and AKC LC have been submitted to Phyllis Potter; she will include in her stats going to Helen Lee for the next issue of the *Aristocrat*.

The top-5 for calendar year 2017 for ASFA and AKC LC have been compiled and will be sent to Deb V-C shortly. the #1 for AKC LC and for ASFA have been confirmed; I have been in touch with the owners of these hounds for all the required information and photographs for the award plaques.

Any questions please let me know.

Meet the Breeds-NYC (Ron Williams)

This year's New York City Meet and Compete will be held Saturday, February 10, 2018. Once again the location will be Piers 92 & 94.

Unfortunately, a few of my participants and 3 dogs will not be able to join us this year. I've sent an unanswered email to Region 1 for new participants. Hopefully, I'll hear of a volunteer or two in the next week or so. To date, I have the following participants:

Melissa Kucmierczyk

Jim & Elisabeth Szymanski (with 1 dog)

Lorene Connolly

Guy Tarsitano (possibly 1 dog)

Ron Williams (with 1 dog)

I'll have breed material, BCOA magnets and the new coloring bi-fold w/ crayons to pass out.

I also submitted my credit card information for the breed listing in the program. Once I receive the receipt for payment, I'll submit to the club for reimbursement.

Ready Borzoi (Veni Harlan)

Some Background

BCOA has been a leader in the dog fancy with disaster preparedness education via Ready Borzoi resources. Since creation of these web pages several years ago, I'd hoped to expand messaging with updates, an event at the national, coordination between related groups, an investment partnering in efforts such as AKC disaster trailers and other relief initiatives. The only item the board approved was a flyer to be printed and distributed at the Eukanuba Meet the Breeds event. I advised against this as paper handouts are not particularly useful and typically discarded.

At the 2016 National meeting, I was surprised when Shen Smith announced a special fund and committee was being established for disaster preparedness. Several ideas were offered from the floor but were not based on law or existing protocol.

Last year Barbara O'Neil called to say she had \$1,500 to spend on Ready Borzoi and what could I do. We settled on a goal of distributing smoke detectors to members. This got back-burned or discarded. Not sure.

Per 4/24/17 minutes, I learned that a motion by Barbara O'Neill, seconded by Prudence Hlatky, reinstated a \$1500 AKC grant for Ready Borzoi's use. But I am unclear on access or process to utilize.

Also from the 4/24/17 minutes...

National Disaster Relief Fund: It was agreed to form a five-member committee, three of whom are empowered to approve emergency funds, which will develop its own standing rules, forms, and procedures. Veni Harlan. Governors will canvas their regions for volunteers.

I didn't know such a committee existed or that I was to canvas for volunteers until I happened to read the minutes.

Disaster Relief Fund Committee (Barbara O'Neill): A committee will be appointed to design and administer the Fund; a plan should be ready in 12-18 months. Veni Harlan will be invited to join the committee and regional membership will be sought.

It has been almost a year now and I've no clue where this stands. I absolutely wish to contribute to the objectives (whatever they are defined to be) but am just out of the loop on this.

Lastly, I received a call from Joy Windle asking me to help Dee Jones, Wellness Chair, to raise funds for an AKC trailer. No one on the board had bothered to inform me of this (extremely worthy) effort or the board's actions clearly concerning disaster preparedness and remediation.

In lieu of any resources or actionable items and given I have nothing to report, I decided to convert a committee report into a PSA ReadyBorzo page for the *Aristocrat*. This worked a couple of times but the one prior to the National did not make it into the *Aristocrat* due to some confusion. I tried to post to the BCOA Facebook page but unfortunately I do not have access. (Chairs/Governors should absolutely have posting privileges.) I posted instead to Borzoi Rule, a Facebook page I began which reaches nearly 6,000 members worldwide. But since the topic was on safe traveling tips, I was disappointed it failed to post in a more timely manner.

So all told, it's been a very frustrating experience as chair in name only.

Meanwhile, attention to disaster-related education continues to receive the attention it so rightly deserves from nearly every public, private, and governing entity. Given recent catastrophic disasters, many directly affecting BCOA members, it behooves leadership to develop resources and messaging that serve the membership; clear protocols for how/when/who; within the limitations of the club. BCOA should look to these organizations for guidance, understand local/state/federal resources, and protocols for assistance.

AKC

AKC disaster trailers are in my opinion one of the most effective and helpful ideas this organization has ever conceived of. I learned (after the fact) that BCOA donated funds to a west coast trailer. Perhaps others but again, I'm out of the loop re board decisions on the subject.

AVMA

This summer disaster preparedness and response will again be a hot topic at the AVMA Convention.

[Ready.gov](#)

In 2017, September was designated as National Preparedness Month. NPM's focus is on planning, with an overarching theme "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can."

They created actionable items in the form of a calendar. <https://www.ready.gov/calendar>

And safety skills like "Learn to Use a Fire Extinguisher."

<https://www.ready.gov/safety-skills>

All great ideas to borrow from...

Registry of Merit (KC Artley) JW/BJO. Carried.

Sires: Avalon Time's Dark Traveler JC, FCH, GRC

CH Rising Star Danilov O'Sunbarr change from a ROM-C to a ROMX-C

Dam: GCHB Promises Crown Jewel Natalia ROM-C

Specialty-Related (Barbara O'Neill)

Futurity

The 2018 Futurity closed with 32 new Bitch and 29 new Litter nominations. There are 71 puppies from 19 litters eligible to forward from 2017 to 2018. Currently there is \$2,560 in the 2018 Futurity account. The 2019 Futurity account has \$200.00 to date with 3 new Bitch nomination and 2 new Litter nominations. There are 6 litters from 2018 that are paid in full for 2019. The 2019 Futurity will be the 30th Anniversary.

National Specialty Guidelines

Guidelines are currently up-to-date.

Club Inventory & Medals

Inventory up-to-date.

Top 5 Awards (Deb Vidaver-Cohen)

Rebecca Peters-Campbell has offered to join the committee to lend a hand. New club applicant Stephanie Steele has also volunteered.

2017 EVENT YEAR BCOA TOP 5 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations to all BCOA members whose Borzoi earned a 2017 Top Five Achievement Award! The rankings below, provided by Event Statistics Chairs, may not include each dog's full set of titles. However, all titles submitted to me by owners or Chairs by April 1, 2018 will be included on the Award Certificates presented at the National Specialty. As with all BCOA annual awards, for a Borzoi to be eligible for a BCOA Top 5 Award, the first-named owner of record must be a member of the Borzoi Club of America at the end of the event year.

Please note: This year, for the first time, we have several ties in the ranking scores. As per the original Top Five proposal approved by BCOA board in November 2015, **a maximum of five awards are presented in each event category for five individual dogs.** Therefore, if a tie occurs above the fifth place in an event, this counts towards the total of five. **For Example in Event X:** The first five BCOA member-owned borzoi have scores that show a three-way tie at #2 (1, 2, 2, 2, 3). Awards for Event X would thus include **one #1 rosette and certificate, three #2 rosettes and certificates, one #3 rosette and certificate but no 4th or 5th place award.**

The only exception to this rule: If a tie occurs among dogs in the final placement for an event (Example: 1,2,3,4,5,5). In this case **all dogs at the final placement level receive an award for that placement, regardless of the number of dogs attaining that level.** Again, Congratulations to this year's award recipients!

<u>RANK</u>	<u>BORZOI NAME</u>	<u>OWNERS</u>	<u>FINAL SCORES</u>
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(1) AKC Conformation (Canine Chronicle Calendar Year Breed standings)

1. GCHS Konza-Plum Creek Bugatti At Elance Cherie Hunchak, Kay Cassella & Robert Bates 634
2. GCHP Crown Jewel Tatiana Jean Durdin 307
3. GCHG Majenkir Bookstor Vintage Glamour Karen & Howard Spey/ Karen Staudt-Cartabona 282
4. GCHS CH Mielikki Hinote Secret Agent Man SGRC Renee McCartin & Jan Tyler 168
5. GCHG CH Promises Crown Jewel Nicholas Jean Durdin 166

(2) AKC National Owner-Handles Series (AKC Event-Year Final Rankings)

1. GCHB Konza-Plum Creek Alfa Romeo At Aruzia CGC, CA Lorrie & John Scott 410
2. GCHB Lagniappe Cajun Zydeco Bon-Ton Cindy & Mike Michalak 400
3. GCHB Morozova Rey's Sierra Moonlight BN RN SC CGCA Kay Novotny & Janet Adams 365
4. GCH Chaklun For Zabava Ostrov Aleksandrit Favorit Patricia Wiseman, Kristina Terra & Irina Terra 215
5. CH Russkiy Azart Diamant Di Yalmea Too Hot To Handle Jill Zamowsk & Katie Averill 190

(3) BCOA Versatility Award (Only three submitted for 2017)

1. CH Hemlock Hollow Aruzia Journey to Tahoe, CGC, RN, JC, SC, BN. K.C. & Steven Artley 39.1 points
2. Kirov Windrift Flying Above Tahoe, JC, SC. K.C & Steven Artley 28.6
3. Islehaven Sentinel, CGCA, CGCU, TKI Linda Beisswenger, 13.5

(4) NOTRA (4th placeTied - No 5th place award)

1. DC Avalon RiverRun Idle Dice Runtuff SC SOR ORC (Dice) Sandra Moore, Karla Smith DVM & Kristen Suhrenbrock. 12.00
- 2.. GCh DC C'Lestial Red Lantern of Ryhka, SC, SORC (Sir Lancelot) Dr Diana Darling, Rita M Rice & Liz Green 6.50
3. FC Spryfeat Titanium with a Twist SC GRC (Twistie) Wendy Erdman & Frank Erdman.4.00
4. Lynx Lucky Me SC GRC JOR. (Willow) Frank Erdman & Wendy Erdman 3.00
4. Del Sol Morsmorde Windnsatin, SC (Mordi) R. Lynn Shell & Victor Whitlock 3.00

(5) LGRA

1. Mielikki Gett Off GRC (Klssy M) Renee McCartin 24.00

2. GCHS Mielikki HiNote Secret Agent Man SGRC (Duckie) Renee McCartin & Jan Taylor 14.50
3. Ravenna Hand In Hand GRC (Larsen) Caryl Dumaine 13.50
4. MBIF DC Aliza at Zoiboy's Rosa Wetrow SC LCM GRC CGC (Aliza) KC Thompson & Tom Golcher 11.00
5. AKC CH UKC CH Del Sol Dark Canyon Avalon V Willowind LCM, SGRC (Canyon) Susan Van de Water 8.00

(6) ASFA (Bowens Rankings)

1. CH Del Sol Firebolt of Coburn WNS, LCM, GRC (Firebolt) Susan Van de Water 160
2. MBIF DC Aliza at Zoiboy's Rosa Wetrow, SC, LCM, GRC, CGC (Aliza) KC Thompson & Tom Golcher 96
3. Del Sol Hermes Boots, FCh (Boots) Susan Van de Water 93
4. Oma De Sala's Ty Kay Event Of Ryhka FCh, ORC (Event) Diana Darling 85
5. CH / U-GCh Del Sol End of Reason WNS, LCM3, VFCh, SGRC2 (InSanity) Susan Van de Water 82

(7) AKC Lure Coursing (Bowens Rankings - 4th place tied, no 5th place award)

1. DC Avalon RiverRun Idle Dice RunTuff, SC, SOR, ORC (Dice) Sandra Moore & Karla Smith DVM & Kristen Suhrenbrock 85
2. FC Kirov Wind Glider At Highpoint, SC, FCh, RN, CGC (Zephyr) Anne & Walter Ford 82
3. MBIF DC Aliza at Zoiboy's Rosa Wetrow, SC, LCM, GRC, CGC (Aliza) KC Thompson & Tom Golcher 50
4. Kirov Windrift Fly Above Tahoe, JC, SC (Dawn) Kay Carol Artley 41
4. Zoiboy's Hudson At Starswift SC FCh (Hudson) KC Thompson & Tom Golcher 41

(8) AKC Obedience (Average scores across competitions)

1. FC Teine Mirage At Riju SC, CD, BN, RN June Mintchell 3 QS average 197
2. DC Riju Enjoy The Ride SC, CD, PCD, BN, RA, SIA, SCA, SHDN, SBN June Mintchell & Anne Midgarden DVM 1 QS 196
3. CH Riju Fun & Games JC, UD, GO, VER, BN, RN, NJP, SWN, SHDN, SIA June & Rich Mintchell 9 QS average 194.77
4. GCH, DC Konstantin's Summer Solstice SC, CDX, BN, RA, CGC Karen Haberkorn 3 QS average 191.83
5. DC Sylvan Pimlico SC, CD, BN, RN, BCAT, CGCA Patti & Chris Neale 4 QS average 190

(9) AKC RALLY (Average scores across competitions)

1. FC Teine Mirage At Riju SC, CD, BN, RN June Mintchell 3 QS average 99.67
2. CH Riju Fun & Games JC, UD, GO, VER, BN, RN, NJP, SWN, SHDN, SIA June & Rich Mintchell 2 QS average 100 (**Note:** BCOA requires 3 q's for #1, so 100 pts with only 2 Qs is ranked #2)
3. DC Riju Enjoy The Ride SC, CD, PCD, BN, RA, SIA, SCA, SHDN, SBN June Mintchell & Anne Midgarden DVM 5 QS average 97.75
4. GCHB Wildhunt Je M' Appelle Janelle JC CGCA CGCU TKN NW1 Jane Berardi-Malloy & Ariel Duncan 1 Q 97
5. FC Kirov Strike It Rich At Highpoint CDX, RA, MC, LCX, OA, NAJ, OF, CGC Anne & Walter Ford 3 QS average 96.33

(10) AKC Junior Showmanship (Rankings based on Competitors Defeated)

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|---|-----|
| 1. Elise Patti (BCOA Junior Member) | 256 |
| 2. Logan Yankowski | 172 |
| 3. Madison Gilbert (BCOA Junior Member) | 92 |
| 4. Riley Capton | 54 |
| 5. Shannon Piquet | 19 |

(11) Open Field Coursing (Dogs Defeated Calendar Year - Statistician's Note Below*)

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|---|----|
| 1. Kachina All For Love (Kindle) Linda Turner & Carol Enz | 69 |
| 2. Kirov Windrift Fly So Free (Sophie) Barbara Ewing & Nancy Reimer | 57 |

3. CH Kachina Vision Of Love (Gerwyn), Carol Enz 40
4. Valeska Barbarous Coast (Corazon), Rey and Yvonne McGehee 34
5. Kachina Story Book Love CC CM (Desireé) Carol Enz 29

*** From OFC Statistician: The number of hounds defeated is based on both points and placements each individual Borzoi earned**