

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. AKC Gazette – John Steele

Nothing new. Just sending in columns as required. Need to update the BCOA website once columns published with AKC. Online Gazette still being posted although viewership is not as strong as previously. Link to AKC site for Gazette

<https://www.akc.org/products-services/magazines/akc-gazette/>

2. Annual Awards – Nancy Katsarelas

The 2019 annual BCOA TOP award plaques are completed, boxed and labeled for mailing and are promised to be mailed to our winners August 19th. I did tell our winners that they were mailed out last week but was notified on the 17th that there had been a problem with addresses. That problem has been taken care of, so it is my hope that the award plaques will be received by our winners this next coming week. As soon as I receive Post Office tracking numbers, I plan to send each recipient their numbers so that they can have a better idea of when they will get their award package.

There were fifteen regular plaques prepared and the cost of those plaques will be billed to our club. The cost of each plaque is about \$50 and is the same cost as the 2018 with individual USPS mailing cost estimated to be between \$8-\$10 depending on weight and address.

The individual mailing by USPS was cheaper than individual mailing using UPS. If we had not cancelled the August Specialty UPS would have been used as it is cheaper to ship business to business in bulk (Trophy business to Specialty hotel).

There were also two duplicate awards ordered. The cost of those two awards will be the responsibility of the individuals that requested copies. The two duplicates are for our Top BOB and our TOP breeder.

The awards should all be received by our winners sooner than if they had attended the rescheduled Award Banquet date of August 29th. Looking on the bright side, I guess. The mailing quote was slightly higher due to 2-3 day delivery and location cost. I was quoted \$8-\$10 but it is going to be between \$8-\$15.

It's been a tough year so far, but I have hopes for improvement for all our members.

3. Annual Versatility Award & Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny

I have nothing to report.

4. Aristocrat – Helen Lee

Due to the lack of shows recently there are few statistics reports but Nancy Hopkins and KC Artley are taking up the slack by sending in regular articles. :>)

I would like the Board to consider (if necessary) whether we should start publishing the "In Memory" write-ups for deceased members in the Aristocrat as well as in the national specialty catalogues. I was originally thinking about publishing all of them at the same time in the Aristocrat issue which follows the national but Sandra Moore made a good point: If we publish them individually in the Aristocrat "as they happen", then have the whole group in the catalogue as well, then the Memory would be more timely.

5. ASFA Delegate – Sandra Moore

I have nothing to report.

6. BCOA Archivist – KC Artley

Work continues on loading the National catalog pages and pictures on the BCOA website. Helen Lee has done most of the work on this. Go to History, then “National Results” and then click on the year. We are currently adding the pictures from the early 1980s. I have written an article “Showing Borzoi in 1960” for the next Aristocrat. This is my first attempt to put all the information I have about borzoi in that one year, into an organized format. The article "Showing Borzoi in 1960" is a collection of everything I have, about borzoi during 1960: number of borzoi registered, show results, what dogs won group placements in 1960, dogs finishing championships and obedience titles, news about who had puppies and who purchased new borzoi, lists of officers for BCOA and for the three regional clubs, the BCOA membership list, and summaries of the BCOA meetings' minutes.

Do our members want all of this kind of information copied and put on the BCOA website, for other years? Do the members want the complete BCOA meetings' minutes, summaries of the minutes, or no minutes?

The question to the membership, is how much of this information, do you want saved on the BCOA website?

PGH comments re BCOA Photo Archives

7. Bev Taylor Trust – Barbara O’Neill

A meeting of the BTRC was held on July 13 to discuss reinvestment options of maturing investments. Minutes and report has been submitted to the Board.

8. BCOA Ready Borzoi – Veni Harlan

I have nothing to report.

9. BCOA Shop – Carol Enz

Specialty Sales Items

Deadline is August 30th. The order will then be placed with our vendor and he will have the wearables shipped to me in about 2 weeks. I will start shipping as soon as I receive the merchandise. There will not be any extras ordered as in the past.

Welcome Bags & Goodies

Bags will be mailed out with the specialty sales items. Those who were entered in the specialty, the judges, committee members and workers will also receive the bags.

Donations

Trophy Donations - \$5,940.00

(As accounted for in BJO’s Excel spread sheet date dated 4/4/20)

Welfare Donations - \$150.00

Juniors Donations - \$225.00

Hospitality Donations \$65.00

All the 2020 Trophy Donations were transferred to the 2021 National Specialty and can be located on the BCOA web-site. Thank you, Helen Lee, for doing that task!

10. BCOA Web Site – Helen Lee

There are a few areas of the website which are becoming out of date, mainly because it's always been the Recording Secretary who has sent updates. :>(Since we've not (to my knowledge) had to deal with a pandemic in the past - resulting in many events having to be cancelled - there seems to not be any established protocol for notifying the webmaster when events are cancelled. I did remove the PSBC specialties when Barbara O'Neill mentioned that they'd been cancelled but I do believe that ALL events which have been cancelled should be removed, so am hoping that the Board can establish some guideline for how the webmaster can be notified when an event is cancelled.

KC Artley is periodically sending me photos from old national specialties and I am also sorting through the photos I have on my various hard drives. Recently photos have been added to the 1984 and 1985 national supplements.

I think it may be time for someone to review all the PDF files linked to the website, as a member recently pointed out that some links in the files are out of date (I've fixed those ones now) and one at least still has Joy's name on it. I corrected that one myself but don't feel comfortable changing any others, so would appreciate it if someone (or a committee of someones) could go through all the files and send me corrections.

Board Member discussion: one member told me the Blast emails end up in their spam folder. I have asked my region to let me know if they had issues with those emails. If I hear from others, I'd like to discuss it with the other regions to see if it is widespread. I do remember reading on Facebook a while back, some people having problems with not receiving them.

11. Borzoi Welfare – Danielle Steenkamp has accepted the Chairmanship.

Community Welfare Update

Texas: In June of 2020, BCOA members along with the Borzoi Health and Welfare Foundation (BHWF) assisted in a welfare/rescue situation involving 19 borzoi of various ages owned by BCOA members.

- All but 2 of the borzoi were personally examined by myself. The 2 borzoi who did not receive veterinary examinations from me were sent with their co-owner prior to my arrival. All borzoi received examinations, a heartworm test, flea/tick medication, and DHLPP/rabies vaccinations (if deemed healthy enough for vaccines). Due to the large amount of dogs on the property (58), 9 borzoi were tested for Brucella canis and all deemed negative. They have all been dewormed and received heartworm prevention or their initial microfilaria treatment and doxycycline.
- 6 borzoi were returned to their breeders and/or co-owners.
- 9 borzoi were surrendered to BHWF for placement into new homes and are being fostered by BCOA members.
- 1 borzoi has been adopted and a second has an adoption pending. The remaining borzoi are currently in foster care with BCOA members until the health and living situation of their breeder(s) is determined.
- 6 borzoi are heartworm positive and 7 need extensive dental work. All had a large parasite burden – fleas, hookworms, whipworms, and roundworms.

- A proposal for assistance was submitted to the BCOA board by BHWF. There is great need for additional funds to properly treat the underlying health issues and spay/neuter the dogs prior to adoption.

2020 Goals

After conferring with Dee Jones, we identified some areas to the welfare program that I will be working to update the remainder of the year:

- Help! My Dog is Lost – The webpage needs to be updated with more current ways to help find a lost pet.
- The In Home Visit List needs updating.
- Placement Assistance Program for Members – I would like to make members aware that this program exists and make it more user friendly for both members and potential adopters. This program was approved by the board in 2014 has never been used. As has been recently shown, there are breeders who, despite having cause, refuse to surrender their borzoi to rescue until the situation is dire. If we can make this program a positive experience, we may be able to avoid some of the overwhelming rescues that have been occurring. I would like for the board to discuss using social media, verses just the website, to advertise any dogs that may become available through this program. <https://borzoiclubofamerica.org/welfare/welfare-placementassist.php>

Develop guidelines for disbursing funds (Dee was supposed to do it)

12. Championship Medals

- a. **Conformation – Chris Danker** - Nothing to report for Championship medals. With only a few shows held earlier in the year, I have not yet sent any medals out.

13. Club Inventory & Medals – Barbara O’Neill

Report will follow. Waiting for information dates of cancelled or re-scheduled regional clubs

14. Futurity Event – Joyce Katona

Since the trophies that were planned for NM weren’t used, I had the artist leave off the dates. These trophies will be used in 2021.

15. Futurity – Barbara O’Neill

The 2021 Futurity currently has 25 new Bitch nominations and 22 new Litter nominations with a total of \$1,780.00. Judge selection will begin November 25, 2020.

16. Health – Nancy Hopkins

See New Business – Last Will and Testament of Julie Temperley

2021 National Specialty Health Clinics

Leonore Abordo has worked hard to create a National Health Clinic that will make up for the disappointment of the cancellation of our 2020 National. The Health Clinic will be held over Wednesday and Thursday of National week. There will be two days of OFA Echo Heart Screenings. Dr. Megan McLane DVM, DACVIM of Care Center in Dayton, OH will do the echos. The Thyroid clinic and CHF DNA Repository blood draws will be held on Wednesday. A BCOA club

member veterinarian will do the blood draws. The eye clinic will be on Thursday. The veterinary ophthalmologist who will conduct the screenings will be announced at a later date.

Attached: Profile of Megan McLane DVM, DACVIM

Borzoi Echo Project

Unfortunately, due to the cancellations brought on by COVID-19, the start of the echo evaluations by Drs. Wesselowski and Saunders of Texas A&M University Vet School has been postponed. They will be unable to attend the 2021 Nationals due to scheduling conflicts. I have spoken with Dr. Wesselowski and she is still interested in the project to set norms for Borzoi echos and to characterize mitral valve regurgitation in Borzoi.

Borzoi Arrhythmia Project - Phase I

Since the last board report participation in the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project has increased. We currently have 33 different people who have sent me Holter results (up from 27) for a total of 141 dogs (up from 112). Again, some dogs have had multiple submissions to bring the total number of separate Holter reports received to 196 (up from 146). Unfortunately, we have had three new deaths. One of these deaths was not a dog with a Holter report with us but was part of an extensively Holtered litter. Each of these three dogs died in a manner consistent with Sudden Cardiac Death but only one had a necropsy. That necropsy showed no reason for death and the pathology on the heart showed no sign of cardiomyopathy or any abnormality. This is consistent with sudden death due to cardiac arrhythmias. There was also an incident of a Borzoi fainting while running. This is an important occurrence as fainting is a non-lethal symptom of cardiac arrhythmias seen in other breeds and human beings. The known incidence of fainting borzoi is low. The owner of this Borzoi graciously Holtered the dog. The results of the Holter were normal.

Borzoi Arrhythmia Project - Phase II

On July 28, 2020, Dr. Kate Meurs, Dr. Anna Gelzer, Ginger Jones and I held a teleconference to discuss next steps for the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project. Both Dr. Meurs and Dr. Gelzer were extremely impressed with the amount of support the project has had from the Borzoi community. They feel that the amount of data they have from the Holters collected so far provides them enough information to assess various aspects of Borzoi heart function. An example of this is Dr. Gelzer's astonishment at the range of Borzoi heart beats during a 24 hour period which typically ranges from heart beats per minute in the 30's (average= 33.5 bpm; lowest = 25 bpm) to over 200 (average = 221.9 bpm; highest = 276 bpm). This is apparently not typical of other breeds and gives us an appreciation of the incredible dynamic nature of our breed's heart function. They feel that we no longer need to submit Holters from dogs who have no family history of sudden death.

What causes Sudden Cardiac Death is ventricular fibrillation. This can be preceded by a rhythm called torsades de pointes which can cause fainting or seizure-like activity. Frequently, torsades de pointes will revert to normal cardiac rhythm, but if it continues or degenerates into

ventricular fibrillation it will cause the dog to “drop dead.” In humans, ventricular fibrillation can be brought on by two beats. These are known as pairs. Some pairs are “loose” or “slow” and are of no danger to the individual. However when a premature ventricular beat happens to occur at exactly the wrong time in the cardiac rhythm cycle (R-on-T Phenomenon), essentially creating a very tight pair, a chaotic rhythm can be brought on causing sudden death. Also, a rhythm known in humans that places the individual at risk for Sudden Cardiac Death is “short-coupled torsades de pointes/ventricular fibrillation.” This is again a situation where a pair of beats come so close as to blend together, leading to a loss of coherent heart rhythm and death. Such rhythm occurrences are difficult to find, and in some cases, they tend to show up only during certain types of activities or just preceding death.

We know that Borzoi have arrhythmias and we know that Borzoi drop dead in a manner consistent with Sudden Cardiac Death. We know that in some cases these deaths are due to arrhythmias associated with dilated cardiomyopathy confirmed with necropsy. Others show no cause of death when a necropsy is done—this is consistent with a channelopathy (alteration in the ability of the heart cells to bring electrolytes in or out of the cell during the production of the beating rhythm) leading to arrhythmias that caused a sudden death.

The goal now is to continue following families of dogs with known instances of sudden death and to more intensively follow a specific family of interest. The family of interest has one parent and two siblings who have died suddenly from apparent Sudden Cardiac Death. This family has an extensive family history of Holter testing throughout their lives. The goal is to implant one or more of these dogs with an implantable cardiac recording device that is the length and breadth of a AAA battery but thinner (see image). The device will continually record the heart rhythm of the dog for months. This will provide us the ability to study the heart rhythm throughout the complete range of activities our Borzoi engage in throughout every day. Results from the recordings will provide the researchers more information about when arrhythmias happen and what kind of arrhythmias happen during specific activities.

We would like board approval to move to Phase II of the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project and the implantation of at least one and up to 4 Borzoi with cardiac recording devices (see image).

With Prudence Hlatky’s assistance, we have clarified with AKC that the presence of such devices will not violate AKC rules. One owner is willing to have three dogs implanted with the recording device. We would like to have another device implanted into another dog from this family if possible. The veterinary cardiologists at Texas A&M are willing to do the implantation. Dr. Gelzer is looking into ways of getting implant devices for as low a cost as possible (if we could get them for cost the price could be approximately \$500). I have yet to hear back from Dr. Gelzer on the availability of inexpensive implant devices. As of 8/16/20, I am still awaiting information on the cost of implantation from Texas A&M. The cardiologist at Texas A&M is also willing to assist us in acquiring implant devices or to allow us use of those in-house. Ginger Jones is pursuing funding for this endeavor through our AKC CHF Donor Advised Fund. However, if we are unsuccessful at securing funding through CHF, we will request the use of BCOA Health Funds for this project. I am anticipating a cost of \$5000; however, the total needed depends on the ultimate cost of the implantable devices and the number of dogs implanted. The implantation process is not particularly invasive, so I do not believe the cost of implantation will be a limiting cost.

Website for company producing implantable cardiac recording devices: <https://www.medtronic.com/us-en/patients/treatments-therapies/heart-monitors/our-monitors/revealing-icm.html>

The implantable cardiac recording devices are apparently being difficult to find based on a conversation I had with Dr Wesselowski at the Texas A&M Vet school. I am sure this will not last forever-probably a COVID thing.

Fund Raising

Renee McCartin is engaged in an auction to raise money, in part, for Borzoi Health. After discussing the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project with me, she has asked that our portion of the monies raised go to Phase II of the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project. Thank you, again, Renee!

17. Health Foundations – Virginia Jones

(See Canine Health Foundation Supporting Document)

18. Judges Education – Patti Neale

After 22 years, we are down to the last two cases of the Visualization of the Standard booklet. It is provided to student judges at the Institutes and seminars, and mailed to judges individually upon request. We have also sold them to individuals and clubs both here and abroad over the years. The existing supply will last a couple more years, most likely, but I would like to explore the ways and means of reprinting, so we do not run out at all. I will call on Shen Smith to help with this project, as the original files will need to be converted to modern media format.

If it is the pleasure of the Board, we need authorization to print and mail the tri-fold Judges' Reference Guide. I will coordinate with Prudence Hlatky on the best way to accomplish this, either from Texas or Florida. I have ordered mailing labels from AKC, for all judges who judge our breed, and all Best in Show judges.

Via an alert from Prudence Hlatky/Nancy Hopkins, I sent this message to the Judges-L information group:

Borzoi Club of America is undergoing research into fatal arrhythmias that occur in Borzoi. We are at a stage in our research where we need to place implantable cardiac recording devices under the skin of one or more Borzoi to continue with this research. We are conducting the research with the help of Dr. Anna Gelzer (UPenn) and Dr. Kate Meurs (NCSU), though Dr. Gelzer is primary on this portion of the research.

There was a question about whether this would impact eligibility for the show ring for dogs who have been volunteered for the project. The device is only about the size of a AA battery and records heart information similar to a Holter monitor. Depending on placement, it may be detectable in a show ring examination.

The question was put to Tim Thomas, head of AKC' judged department, whose answer is below:

"In reference to the question, the insertion of cardiac recording devices under the skin would not render a dog ineligible to compete at AKC events as it would not be considered a "changed in appearance by artificial means" and disqualifiable in accordance to CH 11 Section 8 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. It will be at the discretion of the judge how to weigh the insertion in their decisions if s/he should discover it.

It should also be known that how the incision is closed may have an impact. Dogs with staples or bandages are ineligible to compete and if shown, should be excused by the judge. A dog with stitches may compete, but again it is up to the judge how they weigh the presence of the stitches/wound in their awards."

The Borzoi Club of America hopes that you will consider this a non-issue should you come across an implant in a research volunteer dog in an examination.

19. Junior Showmanship – Barbara Tyler Lord

BCOA 2020 Junior Statistics as per Canine Chronicle

(January 1, 2020 up to and including April 30, 2020)

Raina McCloskey - 18 points

Emma Lloyd – 2 points

Note to ALL BCOA Club Members: Please reach out to me privately with any contact information you may have for any of the above listed Junior handlers currently not listed as BCOA club members. I will use this information to reach out to non-club member juniors handling Borzoi in AKC junior showmanship competition, and invite them as well their families to join the Borzoi Club of America.

Note to ALL Junior BCOA Club Members: Please feel free to contact me with any corrections or comments to the current statistics.

(\$1435.00 in Jr. Fund) Raffle and Scholarships (Prudence)

20. Keeping In Touch – Edna Ogata

May 22, 2020 Birthday card – Ralph Barger

May 24, 2020 Get well card – S. Moore-Doby

May 30, 2020 Birthday card – J. Clark

***** Need help from membership with notification when a card of condolence, sickness or support is needed for one of our members.**

21. Legislative Issues – Lyn Snyder Hoflin

The following email announcements were sent to the membership:

May 5 - The Oak Grove City Council is considering changes to the city's animal ordinance at its regular city council meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2020

May 7 - Connecticut Dept of Agriculture is proposing new regulations which seek to provide operational standards and facility requirements for animal shelters.

May 12 - [USDA APHIS Announces Updates To Animal Welfare Act Regulations Impacting USDA Breeder Licensees](#)

May 22 - Vermont Humane Federation, which represents animal shelters and local humane societies in about a dozen communities, wrote to Governor Scott May 16 asking

him to update an order in late March that suspended the importation of animals as pets as Vermont begins to re-open from the COVID-19 pandemic, animal importers have asked Governor Phil Scott to authorize the resumption of interstate pet transports to supply Vermont shelters with dogs sourced from outside the state.

May 25 - The Healthy Dog Importation Act - HR 6921, which was introduced in the US House of Representatives on May 16th. This Act will require that every dog entering the country be in good health, permanently identified and certified by an approved veterinarian in the country of origin among other safeguards.

May 26 - Numerous provisions of concern in amendments to Tennessee HB 852. Concerned animal owners are urged to contact subcommittee members and ask them to VOTE NO on HB 852 and any proposed amendments to the bill.

June 5 - A bill is advancing in Colorado that would increase the powers of the state's Bureau of Animal Protection agents.

June 9 - A bill is active currently in the California legislature which would make clarifications and amendments to a law passed in 2019 regarding independent contractors - dog show, obedience and performance judges are considered independent contractors.

June 11 – The Texas [Sunset Advisory Commission's June 2020 Staff Report](#) has recommended that the Licensed Breeders Program, along with fourteen other TDLR occupational licensing programs, is not necessary to protect the public. In its findings, it implies that the law as enacted is fundamentally flawed, as it provides significant statutory exemptions and unenforceable requirements that undermine both the program's goals and the agency's efforts. Moreover, program revenues have been found to not cover administration of the Licensed Breeder Program; yet despite these disproportionately high administrative costs, the Commission found that Texans still primarily rely on protections that predate the program.

June 12 - The City of Aurora, Colorado, is seeking public input into two areas of their policy regarding dangerous dogs: The current breed ban, and a new proposed new dangerous dog law.

June 15 - A public hearing followed by a vote to enact a problematic new Aiken County South Carolina animal ordinance is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020.

June 16 - The Pennsylvania Senate passed [Senate Bill 798](#) which seeks to make changes to the Commonwealth's Dangerous Dog Law by changing definitions, increasing a fee, and eliminating the need to prove vicious propensity or history of attacks in determining that a dog is a dangerous dog under the law. The bill has been assigned to the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

June 17 - The Iowa Legislature passed a bill that will amend several of the state's cruelty laws.

June 17 - (*see Legislative Update - South Carolina, June 15, 2020*), the Aiken County Council voted to table the measure. It could be reconsidered at a July 2020 meeting.

June 29 - The Governor of Utah has signed [Senate Bill 5003](#), which provides certain liability protections when there has been exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

June 29 - Michigan Senate Agriculture Committee approved a positive bill that seeks to regulate rescues and foster homes in the state.

June 30 - The City of Helena is proposing a rewrite of its animal control code, with a particular focus on nuisance and dangerous dogs, and revised licensing requirements for those who own multiple dogs. A public hearing has been scheduled for July 13, 2020.

July 2 - North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper signed into law [House Bill 118](#), which provides certain liability protections when there has been exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

July 14 - Chicago City Council committee gave initial approval to a proposal that would ban hobby breeding in the city without extensive permits and requirements.

July 15 - Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (Department) is proposing a rule that would allow it to evaluate whether to increase fee amounts, including license and reinspection fees, for dog sellers and dog facility operators

July 15 - residents in Holliston, Massachusetts will be asked at its annual [town meeting](#) to vote on warrant [Article 22](#). Although the proposal's title is "Protecting Consumers and Animals in Holliston," it instead would ban the sale of purpose-bred pets from state-inspected and -licensed facilities, like pet shops, in favor of sales of animals obtained from shelters and rescues.

July 17 - Responsible dog owners and breeders in New York should contact the New York Senate Insurance Committee which is considering a bill on Monday (July 20) that would prohibit homeowner's insurance providers from refusing or cancelling coverage or increasing premiums based solely on the breed of dog owned by the policy holder.

July 23 - New York Senate passed a bill which will prohibit retail pet stores from selling any dogs or cats. Instead, they would only be allowed to "showcase" animals available for adoption from a shelter, rescue, or adoption agency.

July 28 - United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) announced the launch of a [new website](#) to assist licensees and stakeholders understand and implement [recent changes to the federal Animal Welfare Act \(AWA\) Animal Care regulations](#).

22. Meet the Breeds (NYC) – Ron Williams

- a. Philadelphia, PA. - Corissa Fanning – 2020 event cancelled due to Coronavirus
- b. Nashville, TN - Scheduled for September 26-27, 2020. We need the Borzoi organizer

23. Members Education – Prudence Hlatky

Member Ed for 2021 is on hold. Anne isn't sure well be able to hold it with the COVID-19 concerns. If we do I'll ask the 2020 presenters if they want to present. I also have my 2022 Seminar lined up

24. National Specialty – Barbara O'Neill

a. 2021 – Wilmington, OH – May 23-29, 2021

The 2021 National is moving forward cautiously. Anne Midgarden has put a lot of thought into keeping everyone safe next May. The AKC Guidelines have been reviewed. Roberts Center is huge, but we did not rent enough space for everyone to crate their dogs ringside and also to do forced-air dryers etc – even before the COVID distancing. It will be too hot in late May to have dogs crated in the vehicles. Our priority is dog safety. It is thought that it is important to have crating space for all the dogs than it is to have everyone be able to have their own personal grooming space. There is that nice bathing/grooming room right behind the building. If we add grooming equipment there, and space and electric for everyone to do their primary bathe and fluff it would cut down on the amount even poodle people need to do at their individual set ups.

AKC has approved all events - National Show, Rally & Coursing

b. 2022 – Mesquite, TX - April 23-30,2022

The following names in order of preference are submitted for Board approval.

Obedience/Rally:	Lure Coursing:
Judith Brown	Jack Downing
Nancy Simmons	Laura Young
Lora Seale	Amy Balthrop
Peggy McConnell	Dana Ferris
	Mike Ferris
	Donna Richards
	Robert Place

25. Nominating Committee – Shirley McFadden

(See supporting document for 2021 Nominating Committee slate)

Important dates per Article IV Section 3 of Constitution:

- The Nominating Committee report must be received by the Recording Secretary no later than *the fifteenth (15th) day of September.*

- The Recording Secretary shall, not later than the *first (1st) day of October*, notify the entire membership by mail in writing of the candidates nominated.
- Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition, sent by registered mail, certified mail with return receipt requested, by Federal Express, or any other private courier service that will certify delivery. All petitions must be received by the Recording Secretary on or before midnight on the *thirty-first (31st) day of October*.
- If, and only if, no valid additional nominations are received by the Recording Secretary on or before midnight on the *thirty-first (31st) day of October*, the Nominating Committee slate of Officers and Governors shall be declared elected.
- If one or more valid additional nominations are received by the Recording Secretary on or before midnight on the thirty-first (31st) day of October, the Recording Secretary shall by *the fifteenth (15th) day of November*, mail to each member by First Class mail a ballot
- In order to be valid, the ballot must reach the designated tabulator on or before midnight on *the fifteenth (15th) day of December*
- Officers and Directors shall take office on the *first (1st) day of January*.

26. Registry of Merit – KC Artley

One sire: CH Osdow Av Fjascho JC qualifies for a ROMX.

27. Standing Rules