

REGIONAL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

REGION 1 – Kari McCloskey

Nothing to Report!

REGION 2 – Betsy Tolley

- I attended the BCOA TSE organized by Jill Zamowski on April 10 – 11, 2021. Jill did an outstanding job in organizing this TSE. Her trophy table was incredible with numerous Borzoi items donated by BCOA members living throughout the region. The quality of the entry matched its size. On Saturday in the Sweepstakes, nine entries and one in the Veteran Sweepstakes; 25 Borzois were entered in the regular classes. On Sunday in the Sweepstakes, nine entries and one in the Veteran Sweepstakes; 27 Borzois were entered in the regular classes, plus one veteran and one brace. The Tuscaloosa Kennel Club and the Birmingham Kennel Club were very welcoming to everyone competing in the TSE. They provided a designated section for crating the Borzoi entry. The amount of work and planning that Jill put into this endeavor was clearly evident throughout the weekend and contributed to its tremendous success. The huge and delicious Borzoi shortbread cookies for everyone put the weekend over the top!
- I contacted three hotels as potential sites for the 2023 National Specialty. These were the Delta Hotels by Marriott Baltimore Hunt Valley in Hunt Valley, MD; the Founders Inn and Spa (by Hilton) in Virginia Beach, VA; and the Crowne Plaza Resort in Asheville, NC. I worked with Victoria Cassano who contacted the Sheraton Myrtle Beach in Myrtle Beach, SC. All four sites have very positive experiences hosting national specialties. Each of these sites confirmed that currently they had openings and would welcome the BCOA from May 12 – May 21, 2023.
- I contacted Eddie Kominek regarding his fields in Limestone, TN, and Jill Woith with the Sight Hound Organization of Tidewater (SHOT), regarding lure coursing options in the vicinities of two of the potential hotels.
- I scheduled and held two Zoom meetings to which all Region 2 members were invited. The first was scheduled to follow the judging of the Borzois at the TSE on April 10. I chose this time so that some members could attend in person and others could call in or join by computer. Unfortunately, the judging ran late on that day and only a few members attended in person. For those who wanted to attend online they had a long wait. A few remained online and participated. We talked about the potential sites, but decided quickly that another meeting should be scheduled for the following Thursday.
- The Zoom meeting on April 15, 2021, was much more productive. All four sites were discussed along with the potential positive and negative aspects. The consensus was to prepare a proposal for the 2023 National Specialty to be submitted to the BCOA Board for its consideration. Because each of the meetings were followed by members stepping

forward to volunteer for specialty committees, the proposal will be representative of a wide range of members within the region.

REGION 3 – Shirley McFadden

Region 3 members were notified of upcoming specialties as well as the National. Lone Star Borzoi Club held a specialty in March in Fort Worth. The Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club rescheduled their specialty to the July 4th weekend in Colorado Springs. LSBC also held an ASFA Lure coursing trial. Members were given links to Board minutes and forms pertaining to the Board Code of Conduct as well as the member code of conduct. Members were asked to send in nominations for the BCOA lifetime achievement awards-none were received. Companion and performance nominations were sent to the BCOA president by the R Gov. Members were encouraged to reply or contact BCOA President Ron Williams for any requests of add to the annual meeting agenda-none replied. Members were encouraged to send in their dog applications for the Versatility Award. Members were sent information regarding the new webpage user name and password. Members were send the AKC breed statistics. Members were reminded of the National specialty entry deadline. The 2022 National show committee had been busy behind these scenes. I did send a request to the region 3 members about possibly assisting the 2022 National field events by providing lure coursing equipment. No response was received.

REGION 4 –Kay Novotny

I sent an email to the regional members, asking if they had anything they wanted to call the board's attention to. Here are the items I received:

1. Barb Simpson would like the board to look into the ATTS TT program, and whether BCOA should recognize the test. She feels that many specialty breed clubs do, and feels it is a more rigorous test than the AKC test. She sent me a list of 43 specialty clubs which are already participating in the program. There are about 111 borzoi who have been tested, and approximately 90% passed. I told her I was not familiar with the program, so she is putting together documentation on the program, and checking into whether there might be support for it in our membership. We could conceivably put together a presentation on the topic, if the board would like to see it. I will report on her progress as I get the documents.
2. Kay Henderson had some questions about how referrals are handled in the club. Her comment is that she has asked to receive referrals, but has never seen one. I am not aware of how referrals are currently handled in the club – or by whom. I looked in the Aristocrat, and could not find a committee chairperson. Can I get information on who handles referrals for BCOA?
3. Barb Ewing suggested that the club consider putting CHIC numbers in the Aristocrat, which she feels would be fairly easy to obtain off of the OFA website. This might be a topic we could add to the annual meeting agenda. She also reported that Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club is holding its first specialty with Rio Grande Kennel Club on October 16, 2021, and that they will be staying with Rio Grande for the immediate future, and the next show will be in May of 2022. Her final question was whether BCOA might consider adding the Amateur-owner class to the National, perhaps replacing the Novice class. Again, this is a topic which could be added to the meeting agenda.

4. Susan Burns sent me the following information about the new Turquoise Trail borzoi club:
 - The Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club (TTBC) located in New Mexico was recognized as a regional club by the AKC in February of 2021.
 - Currently there are more than 22 members in the Club.
 - So far, the club has held a Thyroid Clinic, and an AKC approved B Match on March 6, 2020.
 - Two performance events approved by BCOA have been planned; a LGRA event was held on April 10 – 11, and an AKC Lure Coursing event is planned for May 1-2 in conjunction with the Lobo Lure coursing Club.
 - The Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club is also holding an embedded Specialty in conjunction with the Rio Grand Kennel Club shows on Saturday October 16 at the New Mexico State Fairgrounds Expo Center in Albuquerque.
 - We'd love to see you all at our inaugural Specialty!
5. I received information from Monika Stachon, who is the show chair for BCNC. The club is planning two specialties in 2021. Because the all-breed club BCNC usually has their specialties with canceled their events for 2021, the club is going with 2 new clubs for this year only.
 - a. First specialty is an independent specialty held on August 15, 2021 in Lodi, CA in conjunction with the San Joaquin Kennel Club. The conformation judge will be Tracy Cox. Sweepstakes will be Leonore Abordo.
 - b. The second specialty is a designated specialty, held on November 6, 2021 designating classes at the Contra Costa Kennel Club show as the specialty. Conformation judge is Barbara Ewing. Sweepstakes in Monika Sima.

REGION 5 – Karen Ackerman

BCOA club business which was forwarded to members of Region 5 consisted of President Ron Williams' memo regarding the agenda items' deadline of May 3rd for the National Specialty Annual Meeting on May 28, 2021. I checked with each of Region 5 Mentors to see if they wanted to continue in that capacity which each said they did. In addition, their pertinent information was reviewed for correctness. Updates were emailed to Helen Lee to revise the BCOA Mentor List to be current. Region 5 members received an email with the 2021 BCOA member password update for the website along with a post requesting nominations for the AKC Achievement Awards in the three categories of conformation, performance and companion events. President Williams' email to the membership on live streaming of the 2021 National Specialty was forwarded. Regarding the ranking revisions for obedience, agility and rally, Betsy Tolley's memo and attachment were sent to Region 5 members. Finally, Region 5 received an email regarding the upcoming Aristocrat ad deadline of May 15, 2021 for the next issue.

Items forwarded from the AKC included a variety of topics: AKC Fast Cat E-Results Template, 2020 Most Popular Breeds, Reminder of the National Agility Championships airing on March 31, 2021, memo On Best Practices Suggestions for Clubs and Dog Owners, Bi-Annual Parent Club Registration Statistics, AKC Canine Health Foundation Board of Directors changes, and Canine Corner press release. Lastly, the 2021 Conformation Point Schedule were posted.

REGION 6 –Kim Horn Janek

- I contacted two Region 6 members to remind them about renewing their membership. After two reminders Joyce contacted me to inform me that they did renew.
- I participated in the January BCOA Board meeting. Upon notification from Joyce I sent out an email to my Region to notify them that the minutes were available on the BCOA website.
- I sent a notice to my region regarding the website's new password. Several members had issues with the new password but eventually were able to get it to work. I also forwarded Ron's message regarding the AKC Registration numbers. Many members were unable to open the links that were provided. I worked with them and we were able to eventually send all three reports that the interested parties were able to open.
- I contacted Joyce with an inquiry and a correction to the BCOA Member Directory.
- I communicated with Barbara O'Neill and June Mintchell regarding equipment needs for the Obedience and Rally venues at this year's National. I offered to purchase two cones for the Obedience Trial. The cones are a new AKC requirement which take the place of stewards in the Figure 8.
- I received a notice from a Region 6 member that the published 2019 National Results had an error in them. I contacted Helen, she made the correction and I notified the member that the correction had been made.