

11/15/2021 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. AKC Gazette – John Steele

Good evening and hope everyone is well and their dogs are happy.

After serving as the AKC Gazette Columnist for over a decade I believe it is time for a fresh perspective.

It has been a pleasure to write the column and I have learned several skills as a result. One is to get a concise and accurate message in less than 500 words that not only Borzoi people would appreciate but also educate the entire AKC fancy about our unique breed.

My perspective not only as breeder, exhibitor, judge and past BCOA delegate was beneficial in honing those columns from a variety of views. I am sure whomever you choose will represent our breed in a positive light.

The board's support has always been appreciated. Looking forward to a new direction and perspective from your next columnist. All the best.

2. Annual Awards – Nancy Katsarelas

1. What are the responsibilities of the Annual Award Chairmen?

ANNUAL AWARDS: Nancy Katsarelas, Chairman - nagakabz@hotmail.com

From 2011 BCOA Standing Committees & Responsibilities

“Determine year-end award recipients; arrange for and send award certificates to Top Ten recipients; solicit photos and arrange for production and presentation of awards, publication in the Aristocrat and permanent possession for Historian books. Keep BCOA Board informed of Committee activities as necessary”.

2. Were there any deviation from the 2011 BCOA Standing Committee Responsibilities?

Yes, and I have done so since my first year as Annual Awards Chair. I have never prepared a Certificate, only the preparation for production of an award plaque. I was led to believe that activity Chairpersons prepare Certificates to award top Borzoi in their respective areas of responsibility.

3. Please provide the President and Board a final report summary for November 15th Board Meeting.

For the 2020 year end a list of possible BCOA Top Borzoi winners of various club recognized activities was prepared and submitted to the Board for their first meeting in 2021. This step allow time for a new activity to be added to the list as well eliminate a category (A couple years ago the Board had added a Top Sire and TOP Dam category at a Board meeting the prior year and then realized that the statistics could not be compiled at that time, so it was pulled from list). The category of 2020 TOP Versatility Award was impossible to determine after the cancelation of so many dog events during a Covid-19

ridden year of 2020. The Board determined the category should be pulled before finalization of list.

I also contacted the Larry Cushions Trophy Company to determine if they would commit to provide the Club awards for the time of our Nationals. I also give them a blank list of our awards so they could special order the necessary number of wood plaques.

I have always requested direct contact with winners. It has helped lower possible error being made and help as well to cut replacement cost for the club. I also get the current addresses of winners that have been different from our Club directory.

Another step I have taken is to provide all winners with my list so that they approve names and titles of winning Borzoi as well as the correct or preferred Club owners' names. Sometimes reviewing list by all winners has caught an error in another winners information.

I notify, if more than one owner, that copies can be purchased at their own expense (which would include shipping cost).

When my list of winners SEEMS to be correct, corrected by all recipients as well as Board and activity Chairs, I met with the Trophy Company to order awards, providing them with what I believed was the correct and final list of award winners.

The Company called me a couple time about the setting of pictures on plaques and once about a title that they wanted to be sure was correct.

When the engraved plates were prepared and were about to be set with the picture frames, I personally went over each picture and engraving plate with them. We had a tough time deciding on which of three provided pictures of our TOP Juniors to secure to her award.

The Trophy Company provided me a copy of the shipping tracking information which I shared with our show Secretary. I also called the Host Hotel to provide them the information on number of boxes being shipped to them for BCOA National Show and to the attention of our Show Secretary.

When I have been able to attend a National Show, I also make sure the awards are found. (Sometimes I have been able to deliver the award by driving to show location)

This year I had to sit home. I did call at the beginning of our week to be assured the awards were ready for presenting to winners.

A replacement engraving plate needed to be replaced, error of Trophy Company and their cost not the clubs.

I tried to provide a clear summary. I probably omitted something but hope I covered important steps in getting Top 2020 BCOA Awards to our club owners of our great Borzoi winners.

3. Annual Top 5 Awards – Leonore Abordo

2019 & 2020 rosettes and certificates were distributed at the National Specialty in Ohio; thank you Ron Williams for staffing the table.

We would like to review the Top-5 program. Currently agility is not recognized; OFC has 2 venues combined into one, but LC venues are separated; OB and Rally are “weighted” unlike any other sport; NOHS is tied to the AKC qualification period, but OFC is tied to the calendar year while their host organizations are not. These and other inconsistencies will be reviewed, and any recommended updates will be presented to the Board and membership later in the year. Please contact me at the email address below to participate in what is sure to be a lively discussion. New email address: oxota@yahoo.com

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

In January, I will receive the applications for the 2021 awards. I will have a report then.

5. Aristocrat – Helen Lee

- Not much to report really but I would like to thank my proofreaders for their eagle eyes: Emily Killian, Sydney Burnside, Leonore Abordo and Rhonda Robins plus Lauri Anderson, who has just recently offered to help. It is impossible to proof-read one’s own work, so these women are invaluable to me, as is Phyllis Potter, who rounds up all the statistic columns for me.
- I’d also like to thank Nancy Hopkins for the inordinate amount of work she’s been doing to provide health-related articles for each issue and K.C. Artley as well. Her “From the Archives” articles must take her hours to research and are really interesting.
- The Aristocrat Statement of Intent starts with “Serve as a record of BCOA and its activities”. To that end, I’d like to ask the Regional Directors to occasionally submit overviews of their region’s activities. Now that we don’t incur printing costs, the sky’s the limit. :-)

6. ASFA Delegate – Sandra Moore

I have submitted the ASFA Communiques to the Corresponding Secretary as they are sent to me for the board to decide how to distribute to the membership as I do not have access to post or upload files to the members io group. There has been no further information from ASFA that pertains to BCOA members.

7. BCOA Archivist – KC Artley

Purpose of this committee is to get the material about the breed and our club on the Website, so that people can view it. It is difficult to describe just how much information we have. An example is 70 years of AKC Gazettes. Thanks to Helen Lee for coding the web pages that displays the BCOA History. Thanks to past archives chairpersons Shen Smith and Barbara Yoon for preserving and organizing the many boxes of paper. Shen Smith had all the pictures in the 18 albums converted to jpg files. We now have nearly all these pictures on the Website under “National Results”. We plan to put the remaining pictures on the Website in 2022. Then the Board can decide what to do with the albums.

Here is a summary of what History is on the BCOA Website, most of which was uploaded during 2021:

A. On the Website under “History” are these categories:

1. Annual Awards. Website displays the winners, many with pictures, 2020-1974, 1964-1949, 1941.
2. National Results. Website displays the results of the BCOA Specialties from 2021, 2019-1970, 1968, 1965, 1962, 1958, 1957, 1928 with pictures of the winners.
3. Past National BBs. Website displays the BCOA Specialty Best of Breed Winners, 2019-1955, 1952, 1928, most with pictures.
4. Past Presidents. Website displays the Presidents for 2021-1953, 1928, many with pictures.
5. Pedigree Books. Website displays an alphabetical list of names with the year(s) that dog’s picture and pedigree were published. This information is from the pedigree/ yearbooks published by BCOA 1984-1973. Click on the year, and you get a pdf file of that dog’s picture with his pedigree and other information.
6. Titles Earned. The Website displays the names of borzoi who earned AKC and ASFA titles (plus some LGRA, NOTRA, and open field titled dogs) for 2021-2011, 1997-1996, 1983-1974.

B. Articles in the Aristocrat. I decided to take the rest of the material we have, that doesn’t fit the categories above, and write an article for each year. I started with the information for 1960 and am going back in time, due to the condition of the old material. Some of the older magazines and pictures are faded, and difficult to photograph, scan or type. “Showing Borzoi in 1955” will be published in the Winter 2021 issue. Published in the 2021 issues of the Aristocrat were articles for 1956, 1957 and 1958. (Articles for 1959 and 1960 were published in 2020).

I saw in the September minutes, that Ron Williams showed the Board a scrapbook of photos and articles from Walter Wieckert. I hope that this material can be copied and put on our Website, and am willing to assist.

8. Bev Taylor Trust – Karen Ackerman

The second and final meeting for 2021 was held on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6:04 EST. The meeting was called to order by Chair Karen Ackerman with the following members present: Ron Williams, Shen Smith, Joyce Katona and Barbara O’Neill – a quorum was established. In addition, financial advisors Karen Denning and Kelly Brunarski were in attendance.

Minutes of the February 15, 2021 minutes were presented. The minutes were approved with the correction of the time to read EST, not EDT. Ron Williams made the motion which was seconded by Barbara O’Neill. 5- Yes, 0-No.

BTRC Secretary’s Report was presented by Shen Smith. Shen Smith reported that all support documents and Schwab statements through October 31, 2021 have been provided directly to the members of the BTRC, BCOA Recording Secretary and the BCOA BoD. As per October 31, 2021, the Schwab Account balances for Rescue #1 and #2 were as follows: Schwab Rescue Account # 1: Investments \$796,364.77, Cash and Sweeps Funds: \$188,581.83 for a total of \$984,946.60.

Schwab Rescue Account #2 Investments: \$176,080.35, Cash and Sweeps Funds \$22,895.11 for a total of \$198,975.46. Total for Accounts #1 and #2 is \$1,186,922.06.

Shen reviewed some of the Federal Reserve policy to hold US Treasury bonds to minimal amounts. Also, she stated that over the past thirty years, the US Treasury bonds had performed fairly well considering the ups and downs for that time span.

Our policy to maintain \$15,000 in cash in Rescue #2 was visited. On a motion by Barbara O’Neill and seconded by Ron Williams, it was voted to keep \$20,000 in Rescue #2. 5-Yes, 0-No.

Old Business: Standing Rules Establish SR #2021 -1 Criteria and Responsibilities for BTRC Members and Standing Rule Establish SR 2021 #2 Responsibilities of the BCOA Board of Directors were tabled for a special meeting. In the interim Barbara O’Neill will put together some ideas for Standing Rule #1.

New Business: Both our financial advisors, Karen Denning and Kelly Brunarski, presented their ideas for our investment portfolios. These are included for your review. It was suggested we look at short term bonds (three-to-five-year bonds) as sometimes they earn more than US Treasury bonds. Barbara O’Neill made the motion for Shen Smith to be pre-authorized to keep an eye out for this type of situation and invest in no more than \$50,000 that meet our parameters and criteria. This was seconded by Ron Williams. 5-Yes, 0-No.

The next item under new business was the BCOA-BTRC Rescue Funding Form. This is a form which will need to be completed and submitted with a rescue group’s request for

funds to the BTRC. The rescue organization will need to complete the form and submit their prior year's 990 and /or 990T IRS finding with the request form. Shen Smith will create the new form.

The date for the January 2022 meeting for the Annual Budget Proposal was discussed. This need to be set prior to the first BCOA Board Meeting in 2022. A motion was made to have the meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 8:00EST with a backup date Tuesday, January 11, 2022, the time remaining the same, by Ron Williams. This was seconded by Joyce Katona.

9. BCOA Ready Borzoi – Veni Harlan (no report submitted)

10. BCOA Shop – Kari McCloskey

I have located a promotional company to work with to make sales items for the BCOA national and for our general sales. The company is Fully Promoted in Bel Air MD. I have worked with the artist of the National logo, Shirley McFadden, to secure a vectored file of the national logo. The file is going to the promotional company, to create a sample order. Front there, I will work with Helen Lee to advertise our wares on the BCOA website. I am working with our National show chair, Kim Horn-Janek, to determine items to be made by the promotional company.

11. BCOA Web Site – Helen Lee

I'd mainly like to thank my proofreaders - Leonore Abordo and Sydney Burnside (who isn't even a BCOA member) - for taking the time to check over all the old national supplements which I've been re-building as .php pages instead of PDF files. The purpose behind this project is so that people who use only their phones to view websites can see the results more easily instead of having to scroll around in a PDF. I've completed up to 2011. 2012 is out for proofing and I'm working on 2013 with only 5 more to go after that, since 2019 and 2021 are already in .php format.

I would like to ask, though, that the Regional Governors ask their members to take a look at the results from previous years and send me any photos which are missing. It would be great if the site could picture every single entry which placed. I've tried asking in the Aristocrat itself, in the notices I send out when each issue is finished, and even on Facebook but haven't received one single photo. :>(I have managed, though, to fill in a few spots with pictures from the old Borzoi Connections and Aristocrats if I have a shot from the same year as the national.

12. Borzoi Welfare – Danielle Steenkamp

2021 was fortunately quiet regarding lost dogs and welfare situations. I have kept in touch with all the dogs that were placed from the welfare/rescue in Texas in June of 2020, and all dogs are doing well, spayed/neutered, and have completed heartworm treatment. They have all remained in the homes they were initially adopted to, which is wonderful for under socialized borzoi. The breeder that was helped has only kept 2 borzoi of the same sex and no longer plans on breeding.

I was contacted, outside of BCOA Welfare, by two different breeders who had emergency circumstances and needed help placing older borzoi. I have a list of, mostly greyhound, homes willing to adopt older dogs, and one breeder was able to use 2 of those contacts to get their borzoi placed. It was my goal for last year, which slipped away, to bring more focus to BCOA's placement assistance program for breeders. I do not think there is any knowledge of this service being available and would like to discuss how and where it can and should be advertised. A definite must complete goal for 2022.

13. Championship Medals

a. Performance & Companion – Amy Balthrop

I was told I would officially be the chairman of the Performance and Companion New Title Medallion Committee by Ron Williams via email on Aug. 16, 2021.

I inquired to Ron on Aug. 17 as to who I could reach out to about learning about the position and who to get the medallions from. Ron sent an email on Aug. 21, cc'ing Leonore Abordo, to let me know that Leonore had been the last person to hold the position.

Leonore responded to Ron's email, via email on Aug. 24, letting me know she was available to talk to me about passing over the position to me.

I had a phone conversation with Leonore on Aug. 25. She explained how she had handled the position, and she said told me she would send the medallion box (including medallions and the cards that were made up to go with them), as well as a spreadsheet (via email) recording when the last medallions were sent out and to whom.

After a couple very busy months with work, shows and lure coursing, I realized that I hadn't heard from Leonore, nor received anything via email or USPS. I sent her an email on Oct. 19 asking if she had an ETA when she could get the medallions in the mail and email me the spreadsheet. I have not heard back.

On a separate but related note pertinent to the committee:

I received an email from Ron on Aug. 16 letting me know that he arranged for me to begin to receive the AKC new title reports (October and November came from AKC directly to me, September was forwarded to me from Ron).

This week, KC Artley reached out to inform me that she had been receiving those reports and would, in the past, pass on the information needed for Performance and Companion titles straight to Leonore, as well as on to Helen Lee for historical recording purposes.

As requested, I forwarded those emails from AKC to KC on Oct. 29, and told her I would reach out to Ron to see if it made sense that she continue to receive those reports and just send to me what I would need. I have sent an email to Ron with this request to have those reports go back to being sent to KC and she will be able to send me what I need for my position.

b. Open Field – Karen Ackerman

None have been awarded since the last meeting

c. Conformation – Chris Danker

As of the end of September 2021, 72 BCOA member owned Borzoi completed their Championships and are eligible for a medal. I won't have the last quarter numbers until mid-January.

14. Canine Ambassador – Susanne Cecere

Unfortunately I do not have much to report. COVID continues to keep us from doing the great visits at the library, nursing homes and assisted living facilities. I know that Martine Burton was able to bring her boys to a nursing home where residents had the opportunity to see them through their windows. In my area that has not been approved.

There have not been outdoor events where we would be comfortable for people to meet our beautiful breed.

I hope that we can participate in the scheduled Christmas parade.

15. Club Inventory & Medals – Barbara O'Neill

Regional Club Medallions are up to date.

16. Futurity Event –

a. Joyce Katona

The 2021 trophies were well received. I believe there is one, possibly two more of the bronze puppy sculptures given for Best in Futurity remaining in the pod. One is from 2020 and it will need to have the plaque replaced using the correct date. This is my last report as I have resigned from the Futurity Chairman position as of June of 2021. Cindi Gredys has been named as my replacement.

b. Cindi Gredys

I have only just started to investigate trophy and reception ideas having recently gotten invitation of the position.

Kay contacted me sent the hotel menu. Barbara D. and I had a call discussing ideas for the reception. Selections will be finalized at a later time but we have a basic idea of what we'd like to do for food.

I've been collecting ideas for trophies and will select and start production after the holidays. Maybe sooner. Because of the short notice I have decided to take on this project myself as artist with the help of some friends.

17. Futurity –

a. Barbara O'Neill

The 2022 Futurity was closed October 26 with 27 new bitch, 24 new Litter nominations with a total of \$1,800.00. I am delighted to report that Rebecca Neal has come forward to replace me as Secretary. Rebecca will soon be sending judge nomination forms to breeders.

b. Rebecca Neal

1. As of 11 November 2021, Barbara O'Neill has provided electronic files and supporting documentation for bitch, litter, and puppy nominations for 2022 and carryover nominations from 2021 (those puppies that will be under 24 months at the time of the 2022 Futurity. I am currently validating that I have received all of the supporting documentation and will contact Barbara with any questions.
2. The 2022 Judge's Nomination forms will be emailed out over the weekend (13/14 November) with a due date of 15 December 2021. The initial ballots will be sent out on 17 December with a due date of 5 January. Barbara O'Neill reviewed the updated Judge's Nomination form and indicated the updates looked correct and appropriate.
3. An email was sent to the BCOA President requesting whether the previous tabulator would be used. If not, the secretary will require instructions for any information to provide to the board.
4. The Secretary is working with the BCOA Webmaster to update the contact information on the Futurity page. In addition, once the Bitch and Litter nomination form updates are complete, the updated forms will be provided to the BCOA Webmaster to load to the Futurity page.
5. The Show Chairman and Futurity Secretary have discussed the due date for the BaRay catalog versus the historical timeframes for the nomination and voting process. The Secretary solicited input from the Futurity Chair and Barbara O'Neill regarding their thoughts.

18. Health – Nancy Hopkins

SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE REPORT!

19. Health Foundations – Virginia Jones

Texas A&M Cardiology Borzoi research update

Sonya R. Wesselowski, DVM, DACVIM (Cardiology)

Dr. Sykes, Dr. Saunders and I have very much enjoyed our jump into the Borzoi world over the past year, and want to provide an update on our progress and future research goals with regard to this fantastic breed!

We have initiated both prospective and retrospective Borzoi research projects thus far. The prospective project has enrolled approximately 70 dogs to date and will allow us to create breed-specific normal echocardiography reference ranges for Borzoi and to better understand and report the frequency of cardiac diseases found in clinically healthy Borzoi. This project will culminate with Dr. Saunders and me performing echocardiograms at the 2022 Borzoi National Specialty.

The retrospective project we have initiated will allow us to compile data from veterinary cardiologists across the United States who have seen and treated Borzoi at their practices to better quantify the types and severity of cardiac disease that are diagnosed in the Borzoi breed that may require medical intervention.

Additional work that we hope to pursue includes longitudinal assessment of a subset of Borzoi to monitor mild echocardiographic changes (for example: trace or mild valve leaks) and better define whether they may be a variant of normal for this highly athletic breed (similar to what has been reported in athletic humans) versus actual pathology that may go on to progress over time.

Lastly, we have uncovered several cases of dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) and I am currently engaged in discussions with a geneticist regarding a collaboration to search for a Borzoi-specific dilated cardiomyopathy mutation that could lead to a future genetic test for the breed, if successful. While we have a small internal grant that is funding the current prospective project, we do need to recruit additional financial support to continue to pursue the longitudinal work and the genetic research.

If anyone would like to support our Borzoi research we would gladly accept donations to our Texas A&M Cardiology Heart Trust Fund with an earmark towards Borzoi research. To donate, please visit www.vetmed.tamu.edu/giving/opportunities/heart-trust/ and click on the "Give now" link. Make sure to add a note in the additional comments box at the bottom of the donation page to let us know you are donating in support of Borzoi clinical research. You can also contact Monika Blackwell, one of our development officers, at mblackwell@txamfoundation.com for additional help.

We look forward to seeing many of you next year in Texas!

20. Judges Education – Patti Neale

Since the last report, there has been one set of Hound seminars that included our Borzoi presentation. It was held over Labor Day weekend in Raleigh, NC in conjunction with the Tarheel circuit. In spite of a similar set of Hound seminar/workshops just 5 weeks before in Greenville, SC, the seminars were well attended, with about 15 student judges.

Borzoi for the hands-on were recruited by the organizer/chairperson. Rhanda Glenn and Torrie Cassano graciously provided dogs for the students to go over and evaluate.

There are no other planned educational events until the National in the spring.

21. Junior Showmanship – Barbara Tyler Lord (report will be submitted at a later date)

22. Keeping In Touch – Edna Ogata

August 12, 2021

Get well – J. Hamersma

August 12, 2021

Sympathy card – Barbara Tyler Lord

August 23, 2021

Birthday card -. W. Reddick

23. Legislative Issues – Lyn Snyder Hoflin

The following alerts were sent to the membership during this time period:

August 11, 2021

California - California Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled to consider two bills on August 16 that have the potential to impact some dog owners.

August 14, 2021

The Horry County (SC) County Council will hold the first of three votes on amendments to the county animal ordinance on Tuesday, August 17, 2021.

August 30, 2021

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) has begun accepting online applications for Animal Welfare Act (AWA) licensees and registrants.

The Governor of Illinois has signed House Bill 1711, which restricts pet choice and consumer protection. The bill goes into effect in 180 days.

The California Legislature to consider a variety of legislative issues which could impact animals and animal owners. Bills currently advancing include the following: HR 63: Supporting Working and Service Dogs, AB 468: Regulating Emotional Support Animals, AB 1282: Regulating Canine Blood Banks.

September 8, 2021

Waynesboro (VA) City Council heard a presentation from the City Manager regarding proposed amendments to City Code Chapter 14, "Animals" – including a provision that would limit the number of animals that may be kept or maintained on any property.

A bill will be sent to the governor of New York 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.

September 14, 2021

On September 7, 2021, the City Council of South Portland, Maine reviewed proposed changes to its animal ordinance, which was amended in late August.

The Animal Welfare Program of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry (DAFC) has proposed amendments to its Animal Welfare regulations. The amendments apply to breeding kennels, boarding kennels, shelters, and pet stores licensed by the state.

September 23, 2021

On September 28, multiple animal bills will be reviewed by the Massachusetts Joint Municipalities and Regional Government Committee. HB 2130 (“Relative to Puppy Mills”), HB 2148 and SB 1322 (“Protecting the Health and Safety of Puppies and Kittens in Cities and Towns”), SB 1341 (“Protecting Animal Welfare in Cities and Towns”)

September 24, 2021

A problematic and overreaching proposed animal ordinance is scheduled to be introduced at the Louisville/Jefferson County Kentucky Metro Council meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

The American Kennel Club is concerned about the health and wellbeing of all dogs, and works hard to advocate for laws that protect canine health and wellbeing and the rights of responsible dog owners. If your Congressional or Senate representative is a member of the powerful Agriculture or Appropriations Committee and he/she needs to hear of your support for the Healthy Dog Importation Act (HDIA), H.R 4239/S.2597.

October 5, 2021

AKC requests that those impacted by the Yarmouth, Maine, proposed changes are encouraged to communicate support for the AKC GR recommended changes to the town council before their October 21 meeting.

October 19, 2021

The Horry County Council (South Carolina) will hold a first reading on a proposed animal ordinance tomorrow, October 19, 2021. Animal owners are urged to review the proposed ordinance and express their concerns to council members.

The City of Montgomery, Alabama, posted a public notice that the Montgomery City Council’s Ad Hoc Committee— Animal Ordinance will meet on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 11:30am in the Old Council Chamber, Room 142, City Hall, 103 North Perry Street, Montgomery, AL.

October 21, 2021

Pennsylvania State Senator Gene Yaw introduced Senate Bill 907 which would establish an Animal Welfare Board. The bill, which will allow for a comprehensive review of current and future regulations regarding dogs in the Commonwealth, is supported by the AKC and has been assigned to the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.

October 22, 2021

The Colorado Springs City Council has proposed an ordinance to ban the retail sale of cats and dogs at pet stores in the city. The council will hold a meeting on November 9 at 10:00am where they will begin considering the newly drafted ordinance.

On November 30, the Berlin Town Council (Connecticut) will receive public input at a 7pm hearing regarding changes being proposed for its animal ordinance. The town's ordinance committee presented a draft to the Town Council on October 19, that would amend the rules on leash and restraint requirements for dogs, by amending the definitions for "at large," "designated public property," and "public nuisance"

October 26, 2021

On Friday, October 22, the New York State Legislature sent a bill to the governor 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 policyholder.

24. Meet the Breeds (NYC) – Ron Williams

Only one MTB event was held this year (San Diego reported 9/12/21 mtg)

25. Members Education – Prudence Hlatky

2022 Members Education Seminar will be "So You Want to be a Judge". Presenter Jill Bell
AKC Field Representative

26. National Specialty

- a. 2022 – Mesquite, TX
 - AKC Application
- b. 2023 – Virginia Beach, VA

27. Registry of Merit – KC Artley

The only application received this quarter is for - Sire: CH Oronzova Virshina Play With Fire CD JC FCH CGC AXJ MX ROM-C.

Summary for 2021: 3 applications for sires and 6 applications for dams were received and all were accepted. The ROM list on the BCOA website is up to date. The ROM rules, a 4 page pdf file, is up to date. The ROM application, also up to date, is a separate pdf file that can be download, filled in on the computer, saved, and then either printed to snail mail to me, or the application can be emailed to me.

28. Standing Rules

- a. Changes that were approved by the membership at the annual meeting, we neglected to update the SR for the NAT.
- b. Recently modified Officers SR regarding the right to vote remote of Face to Face Meetings
- c. Effective January 1st of the year a person who is selected to judge the National Specialty that individual cannot campaign an owned or co-owned borzoi during the calendar year of the National Specialty the person is selected to judge. Nor, can surrogate(s) of the person selected to judge the National Specialty campaign a borzoi or co-owned borzoi belonging to the selected judge. Karen Ackerman