

## **SPRING STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. AKC Gazette – Kristina Terra

- Three days after my confirmation as the new AKC Gazette chair, I connected with the AKC Gazette Senior Editor Arliss Paddock on 02/10/22 and was able to submit my first article, which will come out in the May 2022 issue. Also, I had corresponded with Christie's Auction House about using an image of an artwork sold by Christie's as an illustration for my article. The permission was granted for the life of the article for a small fee and several very helpful dog people at Christie's were happy to help. My next article is in the works for the August 2022 issue.

2. Annual Awards – Nancy Katsarelas

3. Annual Top 5 Awards – Leonore Abordo

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

5. Aristocrat – Helen Lee

6. ASFA Delegate – Sandra Moore

7. BCOA Archivist – KC Artley

- BCOA has been offered historical material from Grace Conally's estate. I was also contacted by a BCOA member who has material from the 1960s to donate. When I get the material, I'll send you the inventory list. Work continues on using other sources, to locate pictures of the National Specialties' class winners, that we didn't have, for the website. Completed is the list of borzoi registrations from 1890-2021, and the list of BCOA officers/governors from 1903-2022, which will be on the website in the near future.

8. Bev Taylor Trust – Barbara O'Neill

- I know some of the BTRC members & a few of the BCOA BoD were recently notified that Karen Ackerman receiving test results showing cancer cells in her spinal fluid and had manifested a serious kidney problem. Last week her doctors recommended she start on dialysis, but Karen made a decision to stop further treatments and spend time with her family. This was so sudden and is so very-very sad – our thoughts and prayers are with Karen and her family at this time.

Ron has reached out to Barbara O. who agreed to resume the chairmanship for the BTRC as Karen will be unable to continue. Karen asked me to prepare a report for the upcoming BoD April meeting, and to also create the annual report for the Texas membership meeting.

Schwab Rescue Accounts: Attached with this report are the March Schwab statements for ResAccts #1 & 2. ResAcct#1 contains \$267,266.22 cash-in-hand & \$664,822.81 invested in certificates of deposit & premium corporate bonds with account total \$932,127.29. ResAcct#2 contains \$30,140.04 cash-on-hand & \$165,836.40 invested in certificates of deposit & premium corporate bonds with a total of \$195,976.44. The total in both accounts (as of this date) is \$1,128,102.44. (Note-ResAcct#2 currently holds in-

cash \$15,000 allocated and awaiting distribution to NBRB which will reduce the cash-on-hand in the account to \$15,140.04 once Schwab mails the distribution check to NBRF.

I let Ron & Barbara know there isn't any pressing BTRC business on the horizon other than initiating the paperwork process for releasing the \$15,000 distribution authorized for release to NBRF. Joyce Katona let the BTRC know everything submitted for approval from the BTRC Annual Budget meeting of January 10, 2022 has been approved except a vote by the BoD to authorize reimbursing BCOA their out-of-pocket telephone conference call expenses for 2021 of \$415.35. If the BCOA could kindly authorize paying this expense it would cut the fund distribution paperwork and expense by half.

\*\* There is only one item that would be helpful if the BoD would vote to authorize reimbursing the BCOA for their out-of-pocket 2021 telephone conference calls

9. BCOA Ready Borzoi – Veni Harlan

10. [BCOA Shop](#) – Kari McCloskey

- Received email from Fully Promoted to approve logo wear items. Screen print was the first sent for approval. The embroidery took some time to approve all images as lettering size was proving problematic. Which is something to keep in mind for future embroidered items.
- Everything was shipped to Laurie Courtney in Texas. She has received all of the shipments.
- Website. There were issues with getting the order form and online order forms. I suggest that BCOA employs a third party business to manage our sales section of our website. I feel there is too much on Helen's plate and by using a business to manage our sales portion would take some of the stress off of her.
- To date, April 8, 2022, we have sold \$4135 worth of merchandise. Orders are still coming in. This does not include the exclusive item we will offer at the national.
- I have contact with a vendor that made items a couple years ago with Borzois on it. She has some overstock she would like to move with Borzois on it. I am in contact with her to negotiate a price, to then resell these items for fundraising towards the national. My goal is to secure items such as these, to sell in blast, limited item offer, from our website. This is after a business model that I observed from the Samoyed Club of America, in which they were very successful in fundraising for their club.

11. BCOA Web Site – Helen Lee

12. Borzoi Welfare – Danielle Steenkamp

13. Championship Medals

- Performance & Companion – Amy Balthrop

- Open Field – Karen Ackerman
- Conformation – Chris Danker

❖3/9 Barbara O’Neill is shipping a box of Championship Medals to Chris

14. Canine Ambassador – Susanne Cecere

- Nothing to report

15. Club Inventory & Medals – Barbara O’Neill

16. Futurity Event – Cindi Gredys

It’s been great working with Kim, Barbara, and Rebecca on the Futurity Event this year. Things have gone fairly smooth considering the learning curve.

The menu for the reception was approved by the board and sent to the hotel. Kay and Kim made final adjustments based on reservations received by the deadline. Tickets are required for admittance to the reception. There will be a short delay after judging is complete at the break to give handlers a chance to put dogs away before the reception room is opened. At least that was the plan talked about in emails. This is a new idea hopefully to insure there is enough food for all attendee’s.

This year, I designed and made the trophies for junior and senior puppies, stud and brood classes, best in futurity, best opposite in futurity, and breed of BIF. I have lots of ideas for different things in the future if needed. This year because of short notice, I felt it would be easier for me to take it on. All receipts for expense of materials only will be turned into Lyn Hoflin at the National.

The futurity has always been an important event in my mind as an exhibitor, as it should be a show case for the breeders. When I heard there may not be one in 2022, I gave it lots of consideration to take on the position as I felt it was too important not to offer. Unfortunately, because of other family and outside commitments I will not be able to continue after this year. I hope that there will be someone to take up the position of Futurity Event coordinator.

17. Futurity – Rebecca Neal (I included a MO post Rebecca sent out for her report)

I have sent the 2022 Futurity Stud Dog/Brood Bitch entry form to each person who has a nominated litter in the 2022 Futurity.

I have also requested puppy payments due for puppies to be in the 2022 Futurity and additional information (registered names, registration numbers, microchip numbers) where I need it to ensure all necessary information is available for the Futurity portion of the catalog.

EVERY person who owns or bred/nominated a futurity litter should have received an email from me - even if nothing else is required. Please contact me if you have not received an email regarding Futurity.

Deadline for all entries and payments is 4 April 2022. This is TWO days prior to the BaRay

closing date and is necessary to meet BaRay's deadline for including our Futurity entries in the main catalog.

UPDATE: 1. Final Numbers for the 2022 Futurity: 26 Bitches nominated

23 Litters nominated

79 Puppies nominated (entered in Futurity)

See the following page for an accounting of income (fees collected) and breakout of funds expended to cash prizes and the Club.

2. 2023 Futurity (to date): 12 Bitches nominated

9 Litters nominated

26 Puppies nominated

Total collected to date: \$405.00

3. My next major project is creating a continuity binder to detail the Futurity Secretary responsibilities, processes, and procedures to enable a smoother transition in the future.

18. Health – Nancy Hopkins

19. Health Foundations – Virginia Jones

- See Supporting Documents and io site for The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) 2021 Annual Report.

20. Judges Education – Patti Neale

21. Junior Showmanship – Barbara Tyler Lord

- (As per AKC via Canine Chronicle - January 1 through March 31, 2022)
  - ❖ Raina McCloskey - 51 points
  - ❖ Lila Holberg - 10 points
  - ❖ Sophia Chestnut - 8 points
  - ❖ Audrey Boyer - 4 points
  - ❖ Addison Patti - 2 points
  - ❖ Natasha Burtch - 1 point

Recognizing agility, performance and conformation separately. Who will be doing the stats for non conformation? Barbara Tyler Lord only does stats for conformation. – Barbara D

22. Keeping In Touch – Edna Ogata

- Nothing to Report

23. Legislative Issues – Janice Haldi

24. Meet the Breeds (Orlando) – Patti Neale

25. [Meet the Breeds](#) (NYC) – Ron Williams

- Philadelphia, PA. – POSTPONED Corissa Fanning
- Nashville, TN - POSTPONED
- Pomona, CA 3/5-6/22 – POSTPONED
- Tampa, FL 4/23-24/22
- Dallas, TX 6/25-26/22 – Gary Gideon
- San Diego, CA 9/10-11/22 - Tomomi Mikawa
- Columbus, OH 10/15-16/22
- NYC 11/12-13/22

26. Members Education – Prudence Hlatky

27. [National Specialty](#)

- 2022 – Mesquite, TX – Kim Horn-Janek

After a very busy month, things are starting to come together for our National Specialty Week in Mesquite TX April 23-April 30, 2022.

Since my last report, we received the name of the Futurity Judge from Rebecca Neal and Barbara Danieli sent out and received a signed contract back. We also received a signed contract back from Hillary Tregillus, our Field and Show Photographer.

Laura Young, our ASFA judge, had to cancel her assignment. She cited the fact that it was very expensive to fly in from Washington state for just one day of judging. Fortunately, Amy Balthrop, BCOA member and the scheduled AKC LC Judge, offered to step in and judge the ASFA trial as well. Because the Coursing field is over 60 miles away from the host hotel, the judges and LC Secretary, Amy Sikula, requested hotel rooms closer to the field. LC Judge Jack Downing made his own reservation, I made the reservations for Amy Balthrop and Amy Sikula and forwarded them the reservation confirmation. They will be sharing a room which will save BCOA some money.

The Premium List was finalized and posted on our website as well as BaRay's. I received several emails and two phone calls from Becky at BaRay concerning problems we were having with information posted on the AKC website. After

several emails and phone calls to AKC, I eventually got everything straightened out.

All judge's hospitality sheets have been returned and forwarded to Krista Hunt who is in charge of Hospitality. We have had a request from one of the judges asking us about a hospitality room. Barbara Danieli and I have been discussing some options and will finalize a plan when we arrive at the hotel on Saturday the 23rd of April.

Our Trophy Chair, Shirley McFadden, has been working tirelessly in an attempt to have all trophy sponsorships covered. Shirley has also advised us that the Standardized Trophies arrived this week. They are the 8" x 10" and 7" x 9" plaques that we give out for BOB, BOS, BOW, WD, WB, HIT Best in Sweeps, etc. The prices remained the same as last year but we have been advised that they will increase with next year's order. We may need to consider if we want to continue using them and if so, we will need to adjust our Sponsorship amounts. The ribbons have also arrived and Shirley has sorted them for each day and class.

Lorrie Scott has been notified of the class numbers and is working on the attaching the ribbons to the medallions.

Kari McCloskey has provided us with weekly updates concerning our Specialty Sales items. She will be able to provide the board with an update regarding sales and current inventory.

Due to a work scheduling issue, LGRA Secretary Dawn Hall, will not be able to attend. Leslie Walenta has enlisted Victor Whitlock to stand in for her. He runs the LGRA venue regularly in Texas and Leslie is confident it will go off without a hitch.

I accepted the LGRA, ASFA, AKC and Triathlon paper entries with payment. All of those entries were sent to Amy Sikula (Field Events Secretary) who will set up the field catalog and send it to her local printer. The system, as it stands now, is extremely cumbersome and will need to be streamlined in the future. I have a meeting scheduled with Leslie Walenta while in Texas to get some ideas how we can make it easier and less likely for errors to occur. More information will be provided to the board after we put this National behind us.

I was in communication with the AKC regarding required banners for our Ring set-up.

I was advised that as a Specialty club we are not required to hang AKC banners in strategic spots. We are welcome to order one, and I suggest we do, but it would not have arrived in time for this year's National. We can put it on our to do list for next year.

We are only at about 65% capacity for our Reserved Grooming and have only two RVs that have requested parking. As of tonight, the Health Clinics still have openings. We have over 100 RSVPs for our Tuesday Opening Reception and Friday's Baron's Borzoi Ball. We have 73 paid Member Buffet Dinners and 89 for our Annual Awards Banquet. Numbers are down across the board, including the Regular classes which also affects the Sweepstakes entries. The entry counts were posted on April 7th and the committee has been working on finalizing the schedule which will be submitted to BaRay within the next 24 hours.

Hannah Hix, Grounds Chair, has contacted me about what is in the POD and what she will need to purchase. She will have everything ready before our exhibitors arrive.

Betsy Tolley has been in communication with me regarding the Trophy Book which needs to be on display from Tuesday, April 26th on.

We plan on having several individuals attend our National from overseas. I will provide Ron Williams with their names so that we can welcome and acknowledge them.

We look forward to a wonderful week in Texas. A detailed Specialty reconciliation will be made available shortly after the completion of the National. Safe travels!

- 2023 – Virginia Beach, VA. – Betsy Tolley

Logo for the 2023 BCOA National Specialty: I asked Rhonda Robbins to design the logo for the 2023 BCOA National Specialty. She worked extremely hard to incorporate the theme of Neptune and the sea into this fantastic logo. Neptune and the sea are depicted in the world-famous statue located on the boardwalk in Virginia Beach. <https://www.virginia.org/listing/neptunes-park/15487/>

While Rhonda designed many iterations of the logo, she and I both discovered that perfecting the artistic design is only a small piece of the process. The logo has to be capable of transforming from a paper and computer-based design into a flexible design for use with both embroidery and screening for consistent depiction on multiple items. We learned that it is far easier to vector a logo design and screen it on clothing and various items compared to the process of digitizing the logo for embroidery on clothing. Embroidery is a medium that has many constraints that only became obvious to us as we worked with several embroidery shops and their owners. Our learning process took weeks and many more iterations of the logo by Rhonda. Finally, the penultimate version of the logo had to actually be embroidered on test items. Here it is!



Promotional Items for the 2022 BCOA National Specialty Awards Banquet in Mesquite: I worked with a local firm in Memphis TN to vector the logo so that it could be printed on promotional items for the 2022 BCOA National Specialty Awards Banquet in Mesquite. The items should be delivered before I leave for Mesquite.

- 2024 – Region 5 – Kristina Terra
28. Nominating Committee –
  29. Registry of Merit – KC Artley
    - No ROM applications received.
  30. Specialty Guidelines – Barbara O’Neill - (Need to replace)
  31. Standardize Trophies – Barbara O’Neill- (Need to replace)

## 32. Standing Rules –Ron Williams