

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT
11/17/21 – 1/30/22

- 11/17-18/21 Received several emails from S. Heffernan regarding information for tabulation the officers ballots and replied.
- 11/19/21 Received the invoice from Akland Printing for the officers ballots and send to L. Hoflin.
- 11/20/21 Received an email from J. Leikam asking if we no longer had the option of voting for officers by email, responded we never did.
- 11/22/21 Received a request from B. Ewing for a copy of the Excel membership spreadsheet, sent and received a thank you.
- 11/23/21 Sent membership renewal form to Akland Printing along with the most recent version of the membership spreadsheet.
- 11/24/21 Received an email from L. Anderson regarding membership dues and responded.
- 11/25/21 Forwarded the email receipt from Dialpad for the automatic payment for the year to L. Hoflin.
- 11/27/21 Received an email from L. Anderson asking if I was going to allow her access to the Members Only group and requesting the password. Replied she was already a member and there is no password.
- 11/28/21 After receiving an email from S. Heffernan saying she could not edit the spreadsheet for tallying votes, I sent a different version of the membership roster and explained how to edit for the votes.
- 11/29/21 Received the proof version and estimate for the printing of the membership renewal form from Akland Printing.
- 11/30/21 Received an email from Akland indicating they received payment for the first print job (ballots).
- 12/1/21 Received email from Akland printing with the invoice for the renewal form.
- 12/1/21 Received a forwarded email from B. Danieli sent by Tomomi Mikawa requesting a correction to a date typo in the minutes for the MTB event in San Diego. Change to 8/14--15/21 not 8-14--14/21.
- 12/1/21 Sent invoice for printing the membership renewal form to L. Hoflin. and received a reply
- 12/2/21 Received an email from Market Street Print requesting my address. They had sent something to Joy's address and it was returned.
- 12/2/21 Received an email from H. Lee stating there was nothing currently set up in the shopping cart for the \$5 fee. She will take care of it.
- 12/2/21 Received an email from Carol Hill asking if she could download a copy of the dues notice. Replied saying the notices were in the mail. C. Hill sent a thank you email.
- 12/3/21 Received an email from B. Ewing with her feelings and suggestions regarding the way BCOA does business including a petition she is asking the membership to sign.

12/4/21 Sent an email to S. Heffernan requesting confirmation that she received my email regarding Junior members not having a vote. Received a reply stating she did and was ready to receive ballots.

12/4/21 Received an email from Carol Hill stating she received the membership renewal notice and thanked her for letting me know.

12/6/21 Received a forwarded email from B. Danieli from Susan Van de Water stating she did her lifetime renewal online, there were no changes.

12/14/21 Communication with L. Hoflin regarding membership renewals.

12/14/21 Received an email from S. Heffernan with questions regarding the validity of several ballots and responded.

12/14/21 Sent an email to Anna Stewart to verify her correct address for the vote count.

12/15/21 Received an email from Anna Stewart verifying her current address as: 5805 S 201st W Ave. Sand Springs, OK 74063-4683

12/15/21 Received an email from Jill Zamowski correcting errors that occurred when she sent in her membership renewal and responded asking if her information was the same.

12/15/21 Received an email from Lydia Pruett stating her life membership information has not changed.

12/15/21 Received an email from Amy Balthrop thanking me for the dues renewal reminder and asking if she pays online with no changes in her information, is she good? Answered yes.

12/15/21 Received an email from S. Heffernan thanking me for answering her questions.

12/15/21 Received an email from Anna Stewart asking for confirmation of her membership status, when will she be a life member?

12/15/21 Received an email from Lynda Sarman asking if her trophy donations and membership renewal were received. Replied.

12/15/21 Received an email from B. Danieli, asking if I had Marina Ostrovskaya's address. I offered to contact her through Facebook.

12/15/21 Contacted Marina Ostrovskaya via Facebook asking for her mailing address so that a contract for the 2023 National judging could be sent. She replied with her email address.

12/16/21 Received an email from S. Heffernan with the results from the election for Vice President.

12/16/21 Received an email from S. Heffernan with her invoice for processing the VP election votes and responded.

12/16/21 Received an email from Lynda Sarman with the receipt for her trophy donations, one is missing from the online list.

12/16/21 Received an email from Jill Zamowski stating her information was the same and stating she sponsored 2 puppy class trophies online.

12/16/21 Received an email from Lynda Sarman with a receipt for her dues renewal.

12/16/21 Responded to L. Sarman stating her payment for the trophies and dues went to Jan Leikam. Advised her to contact Lyn Hoflin and S. McFadden regarding the dues and trophy payments.

12/16/21 Replied to A. Stewart confirming her joining date and stating she will be a life member after paying for 2022.

12/16/21 Wrote to S. Heffernan asking for the list of members who voted in the Vice President election as per our Constitution.

12/16/21 Received an email from S. Heffernan stating she will send it but that she has never done it in the past.

12/16/21 Received an email from S. Heffernan with the list of voters and asking for "a little more money" for having to provide the list since she hasn't had to do it in the past.

12/16/21 Wrote to L. Hoflin asking her to delay paying S. Heffernan until the job is complete and received a reply.

12/17/21 Sent M. Ostrovskaya's email address to B. Danieli for sending the judging contract. It was decided to forego using the USPS.

12/18/21 Received an email from B. Tolley with corrections to the membership directory, wrong regions, made the changes.

12/18/21 Responded to S. Heffernan confirming that she was the tabulator when J. Windle was Recording Secretary and she sent the list of voters to her at that time.

12/19/21 Received an email from Mary Vile stating her life member information is correct, sent thank you.

12/19/21 Received an email from B. Tolley forwarded from Karin Johnson asking for the status of her daughter's application for membership.

12/20/21 Received an email from S. Heffernan stating she did not remember ever sending a list of voters to J. Windle but if she did, not to worry about paying her extra for this tally.

12/20/21 Sent an email to Karin Johnson explaining the situation with her daughter's membership. Received thank you from Karin Johnson.

12/20/21- Updated the membership spreadsheet as membership renewals
1/30/22 were received.

12/22/21 Received an email from 'Tom' from Barbara Ciravolo's email address stating that Barbara passed away on 8/24/20. Updated the spreadsheet.

12/22/21 Received an email from Carol Backers asking if I had received her dues and trophy donation. I responded that she needed to check with L. Hoflin, treasurer.

12/22/21 Gave L. Hoflin approval to pay S. Heffernan for the VP vote tally.

12/23/21 Received an email from Erica Wolf updating her contact information. 1260 Buffalo Road Culver, KS 67484 785-488-5048 Sent thank you.

12/23/21 Received an email from Cydni Bigelow with a correction to her name. It is Cydni NOT Cyndi. Thanked her.

12/23/21 Received an email from Pat Shaw confirming her contact information. Sent thank you.

12/24/21 Received an email from K. Horn Janek with an updated email address from Laura Hyatt.

12/25/21 Received an email from H. Lee asking if she should put the new officers on the website yet. I advised to wait until after the first of the year when the new terms begin.

12/27/21 Wrote to Sandra Moore advising her of the results of the Vice President election and thanking her for her interest and efforts, received a thank you.

12/27/21 Received an email from B. Ewing stating that the Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club Specialties in May were not yet on the BCOA website.

12/27/21 Received an email from B. Danieli requesting me to schedule a conference call on that evening, December 27, 2021, for the National Specialty committee. Replied I would do so.

12/28/21 Was copied on an email from K. Novotny that was sent to B. Ewing stating after looking through her email, Kay couldn't find anything for May 2022.

12/28/21 Received an email from B. Ewing stating the information for the TTBC Specialties was sent to Kay and B. Danieli through the USPS mail on June 4, 2021.

12/28/21 Sent a reply to B. Ewing advising her to contact B. Danieli as she is the person who handles Specialty requests. Received reply.

12/28/21 Received an email from B. Danieli stating she has not received any regional specialty requests from TTBC and asking why they weren't emailed. As soon as she gets them she will process them.

12/30/21 Received an email from B. Danieli with the POD inventory.

12/30/21 Received an email from B. Danieli containing the final National Specialty schedule of events.

1/3/22 Received an email from H. Lee stating she would be adding the 5% fee to every transaction in the various shopping carts., replied.

1/4/22 Received an email from B. Danieli that she sent to AKC requesting the age and birth date of our Junior members to update our records.

1/4/22 Sent an email to B. Danieli asking her to also ask for the Junior numbers. Received a reply.

1/4/22 Received an email from H. Lee stating she had finished adding the 5% service charge to the shopping carts. Thanked her.

1/5/22 Received an email from B. Danieli forwarded from AKC stating they could not disclose the Junior information requested and replied.

1/7/22 Received an email from K. Horn Janek stating that Barbara Todd had paid for mailed minutes last year. Responded saying I had spoken to Barbara Todd and she decided she would read the minutes online. Received a thank you.

1/10/22 Received a forwarded email from R. Williams from Kathy Wright requesting us to consider a challenger trophy in memory of Doc Lord. R. Williams was asking for verification of our policy on challenge trophies.

1/10/22 Received an email from S. McFadden stating we just accepted the Rising Star Challenge trophy and giving her approval to add this trophy. I replied with the same response.

1/10/22 Received an email from B. Danieli requesting that I schedule a conference call for January 19, 2022 for the National Specialty Grounds committee.

1/11/22 Sent a reply to B. Danieli stating the conference call she requested had been scheduled and invites sent.

1/11/22 Received an email from Kristina Terra stating that Lisa Durand moved. Her address is correct but the region is wrong.

1/12/22 Sent a thank you to K. Terra and made the correction moving L. Durand to region 3.

1/12/22 Received an email from S. Heffernan stating she had not received payment for tabulating the votes for V.P.

1/14/22 Sent a reply to S. Heffernan stating I would check on the status of her payment. Received a thank you.

1/14/22 Received an email from L. Hoflin stating she had sent payment to S. Heffernan on 12/23/21 but to her old address. She has communicated with S. Heffernan regarding resending.

1/15/22 Received an email from R. Neal including the list of members eligible to vote for futurity and the futurity ballot. Since there were only four nominations, there will be no need for two ballots. Replied and forwarded the information to S. Heffernan.

1/16/22 Notified R. Neal that she had the incorrect address for the tabulator and to tell the voters that there is an underscore in S. Heffernan's email address so that their ballots would not get lost.

1/16/22 Sent an email to S. Heffernan indicating that both R. Neal and L. Hoflin had not changed her address to the current one and told her to expect to begin receiving votes.

1/16/22 Received an email from Amy Sorbie asking where she could find the standing rules, sent reply.

1/16/22 Received an email from B. Danieli asking for the addition of two other members to the conference call scheduled on 1/19/22 Replied and sent the invitations.

1/16/22 Received an email from B. Danieli asking if the address R. Neal had for the tabulator was correct and replied.

1/18/22 Received an email from R. Neal stating she would send the correct address for S. Heffernan and indicate there is an underscore in her email to avoid any missed votes.

1/21/22 Received an email from D. West asking for confirmation that her renewal form was received and replied.

1/23/22 Received an email from Elaine Kilmer stating her address has changed to: 3823 Amberwood Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93309 thanked her and made the change to the spreadsheet.

1/26/22 Received an email from Leonore Abordo asking when the next board meeting was and what the deadline for agenda items was. Sent a reply.

1/29/22 Received an email from S. Heffernan asking for R. Neal's email address because she lost the information she needs to tally the Futurity votes.

1/30/22 Received an email from Janice Haldi asking to be invited to the members only email group as she is our new legislative liaison. Replied that the invitation was sent and received a thank you.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT **11.22.21 – 1.28.22**

- 11.22.21 Attended BCOA Board Meeting via Conference call
- 11.22.21 Worked with K. Janek on 2022 BCOA National Specialty (various dates throughout the time span of this report – detailed information can be found on the Show Chair report for the 2022 BCOA National Specialty).
- 11.24.21 Received from AKC: Now Available: Insurance for your club
- 11.28.21 Attended BCOA Board Meeting via Conference call
- 11.30.21 Requested Special BCOA Board Meeting
- 12.1.21 Received correction on Corresponding Secretary report related to 9.12.21 Board Minutes – regarding dates of AKC Meet the Breeds – CA. Correction was made and notice forwarded to H. Lee, R. Williams and J. Katona.
- 12.2.21 Received from AKC: Specialty Show Site Locator and Checklist
- 12.2.21 Received from AKC: Live Tonight: 2021 Awards for Canine Excellence on ESPN
- 12.3.21 Advised Health Chair (N. Hopkins) that any binding contracts for BCOA need an officer signature and board approval.
- 12.3.21 Received from AKC: Breeder/Owner Handler and NOHS Special Feature
- 12.3.21 Received from AKC Government: AKC Supported APHIS Rule Requiring Emergency Contingency Planning Finalized
- 12.6.21 Received notification from S. Vandewater about information update regarding Life Membership. Acknowledged receipt and forward to J. Katona.
- 12.8.21 Participated on Conference call with BCOA Health Chair (N. Hopkins) to discuss 2022 National Specialty (various)
- 12.8.21 Received from AKC (Tom Davies) – Happy Holidays from the American Kennel Club
- 12.8.21 Received correspondence from K. Averill regarding concerns. Responded and forwarded the information to the board.
- 12.9.21 Received Puppy Referral Request from *mefatyuri@hotmail.com*, located in Brazil. Pending based on additional information requested.
- 12.9.21 Sent Puppy Referral Packet to A. Bjoraker (*akboraker@gmail.com*) for Michigan and surrounding States.
- 12.9.21 Sent Puppy Referral Packet to N. Reese (*n4reese@cox.net*) for Florida and surrounding States.
- 12.9.21 Sent Puppy Referral Packet to H. Burdette (*phburdette@eagles.sui.edu*) for Indiana and surrounding States.
- 12.9.21 Sent Puppy Referral Packet to L. Johnston (*Johnston.371@gmail.com*) for Ohio and surrounding States.
- 12.10.21 Performed BCOA POD Inventory (Dayton, OH) with K. Janek. Removed pastel Borzoi head artwork (by K. Cartabona) and took home for proper storage

conditions. Advised the board and K. Cartabona and noted that I will bring to 2022 BCOA National Specialty.

- 12.11.21 Received from AKC (Peter Piusz) – Parent Clubs Survey on Parent Club Membership Growth to close 12.20.21
- 12.13.21 Forwarded to board: AKC Parent Club Survey on Parent Club Membership Growth to close 12.20.21
- 12.14.21 Attended BCOA Special Board Meeting via conference call
- 12.15.21 Received from AKC Event Operations – Event Application Received for BCOA Futurity (2022116710) and forwarded the event # information to R. Neal for the Futurity Premium list
- 12.16.21 Received from AKC Event Operations (Damien Mitchell) – Clarification of above event (2022116710) will be listed as Sweepstakes with AKC – list as Futurity under BCOA Premium
- 12.16.21 Sent Puppy Referral Package to Kalie Lindbuchler (*linbucklerk@gmail.com*) for the State of PA and surrounding States.
- 12.16.21 Sent Puppy Referral Package to Clarice O’Brien (*clariceobrien@yahoo.com*) for the State of CA and surrounding States.
- 12.16.21 Sent to AKC Events approval on Regional Specialty for Lone Star Borzoi Club on 1.6.23 (copied H. Lee, B. O’Neill and Show Chair)
- 12.16.21 Sent to AKC Events approval on Regional Specialty for Borzoi Club of Greater New York on 5.6.22 (copied H. Lee, B. O’Neill and Show Chair)
- 12.16.21 Sent to AKC Events approval on Regional Specialty for Midwest Borzoi Club on 5.28.22 (copied H. L., B. O’Neill and Show Chair)
- 12.17.21 Sent correction to AKC Events on Regional Specialty for Lone Star Borzoi Club on 1.6.23 (originally listed as outdoors) – (copied H. Lee, B. O’Neill and Show Chair)
- 12.19.21 Resubmitted Puppy Referral Package (excel file with corrected zip codes which was inadvertently sorted incorrectly) to L. Johnston
- 12.20.21 Received from AKC: Announcing 2022 AKC Meet the Breeds Tour (forwarded to BCOA Board)
- 12.20.21 Received Puppy Referral Request from H. Houck (via K. Mays email). Sent a note to H. Houck requesting additional information prior to providing packet of information.
- 12.22.21 Received from AKC: Changes to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows (forwarded to BCOA board)
- 12.27.21 Participated in a conference call with 2022 BCOA National Specialty leads for status updates, questions, etc.
- 12.28.21 Provided a summary of the conference call discussions and items due/responsible party to the participants of the above meeting.
- 12.29.21 Received regional specialty application from the Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club for May of 2022.
- 12.30.21 Received a packet from AKC via USPS regarding AKC Meet the Breeds and corresponding forms to be completed by 2.1.22 in order to participate. Forwarded

- to BCOA board and R. Williams said he would complete the paperwork electronically with AKC.
- 12.30.21 Provided the BCOA board with the final inventory of the BCOA Pod for their records. K. Horn Janek/B. Danieli to update this inventory document following the 2022 National Specialty
- 12.30.21 Provided the BCOA board with the final 2022 BCOA National Specialty schedule. Times of events/classes to be determined once entries are complete.
- 1.3.22 Sent to AKC Events the BCOA Special Attractions Application for the following events at the 2022 National: PeeWee Class, AKC NOHS, DC Stakes, Altered Classes, Brace/Team and Futurity.
- 1.3.22 Received a Puppy Referral Request from A. Bratto for Michigan and surrounding States. The package will be sent following receipt of additional information requested.
- 1.3.22 Received an email from member H. Lukashin requesting information on processing a Regional Specialty application for the Puget Sound Borzoi Club on 9.10.22 and 9.11.22. Responded to her email with instructions and where to find the application on the BCOA website.
- 1.3.22 Sent Puppy Referral Package to D. Sharp (*has.tric@gmail.com*) for Texas and surrounding States.
- 1.3.22 Sent request to Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club (E. Fuller) inquiring about the 5.7.22 Regional Specialty request. B. Ewing informed me the correct date was 5.14.22. Asked the forms to be resubmitted with the correct date.
- 1.4.22 Sent L. Hoflin letterhead with BCOA logo to use for official correspondence as BCOA Treasurer (requested by L. Hoflin).
- 1.4.22 Sent a request to H. Lee to add verbiage to the Regional Specialty application that indicates members can submit via postal service OR email.
- 1.4.22 Sent a request to AKC Operations Center – Juniors, for a listing of dob/age of all BCOA Junior members to update the BCOA files and ensure accuracy of records.
- 1.5.22 Received from AKC Operations Center – Juniors: The above request was denied as they indicated as minors, the AKC will not release that information.
- 1.6.22 Processed Regional Specialty Application for the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club with AKC Events. Dates of these specialties are 7.2.22, 7.3.22 and 9.5.22. H. Lee, B. O'Neill and Show Chair cc'd on AKC correspondence.
- 1.6.22 Processed Regional Specialty Application for the Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club with AKC Events. The date of this designated and concurrent specialty is 5.14.22. H. Lee, B. O'Neill and Show Chair cc'd on AKC correspondence.
- 1.6.22 Processed Regional Specialty Application for the Puget Sound Borzoi Club with AKC Events. Dates of this specialty is 9.10.22 and 9.11.22. H. Lee, B. O'Neill and Show Chair cc'd on AKC correspondence.
- 1.7.22 Received follow-up from member J. Zamowski regarding a judge update on the Tuscaloosa (4.9.22) and Birmingham Kennel Club (4.10.22) TSE's. The updates/changes are as follows: 4.9.22 – Regular Judge: Barbara Dempsey Alderman, Sweepstakes: Rachel Rehberg. 4.10.22 – Regular Judge: Danelle Brown,

- Sweepstakes: Joyce Law. AKC Events were notified on these updates/changes and Show Chair, H. Lee and B. O'Neill were cc'd on this correspondence.
- 1.9.22 Sent "Thank You" note to the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha – Corresponding Secretary (Kay Cassella) on behalf of their donation of \$100 to the BCOA National Specialty – 2022.
- 1.9.22 Sent "Thank You" note to Leslie Walenta for her \$200 contribution to the BCOA National Specialty – 2022 (The Borzoi Baron's Ball).
- 1.11.22 Forwarded from AKC: How to Increase Junior Participation in Clubs to the board.
- 1.15.22 Received a Puppy Referral Request from K. Chessum (Montana) and responded asking for additional information.
- 1.16.22 Sent email to S. Moore Doby requesting a status update on her email to AKC regarding junior showmanship.
- 1.16.22 Notified AKC Events the Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club will not be holding a designated specialty on 5.14.22 but will continue plans with its' concurrent specialty on that date. Conformation judge: Kalen Dumke Voogt. (H. Lee, B. O'Neill and Show Chair were cc'd on the email).
- 1.16.22 Notified AKC Events of a Sweepstakes Judge update for the 4.9.22 Tuscaloosa Kennel Club show. Originally the sweepstakes judge was George Hawkins, changed to Rachel Rehberg and now changed to Suzanne Newsom (refer to 1.7.22 above). (H. Lee, B. O'Neill and Show Chair were cc'd on the email).
- 1.17.22 Participated in a conference call with the members of the 2022 BCOA National Specialty committee.
- 1.17.22 Received an update from C. Gredys on the BCOA 2022 Futurity (to be included in committee reports for the board meeting scheduled for 2.7.22).
- 1.18.22 Received a proposal from S. Moore-Doby regarding recognition of Juniors (to be included as an agenda item for the board meeting scheduled for 2.7.22).
- 1.19.22 Received returned National Specialty first place ribbon and bronze Borzoi head from V. Trantanella. Repackaged and sent to S. Moore Doby with a congratulations note and thanked her for her patience.
- 1.19.22 Received an update from AKC on Meet the Breeds for 2022 and forwarded to the board.
- 1.20.22 Forwarded information from AKC regarding Best Bred by Exhibitor award extended to 2022 to the board.
- 1.20.22 Forwarded information from AKC regarding "Updating Your Breed's Flyer" to the board.
- 1.21.22 Sent Puppy Referral Package to D. Martin (*Danielle.m.martin@hotmail.com*) for Ohio and surrounding States.
- 1.21.22 Sent Puppy Referral Package to A. Bratto (*alixbrattoya@gmail.com*) for Michigan and surrounding States.
- 1.25.22 Received from AKC: Free Parent Club Promotions (and forwarded to the board).

- 1.26.22 Processed Regional Specialty application for the Borzoi Club of California and forwarded to AKC Events for processing. Date of regional specialty 4.15.22 in Silverado, CA . (H. Lee, B. O’Neill and Show Chair were cc’d on the email).
- 1.26.22 Processed Regional Specialty application for the Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha and forwarded to AKC Events for processing. Date of regional specialties 10.8.22 and 10.9.22 in Lincoln, NE. (H. Lee, B. O’Neill and Show Chair were cc’d on the email).
- 1.28.22 Processed Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley Regional Specialty application with AKC Events for 5.6.22. (H. Lee, B. O’Neill and Show Chair were cc’d on the email).
- 1.28.22 Sent “Thank You” note to Robert and Diana Bates for their \$400 contribution to the BCOA National Specialty – 2022 (The Borzoi Baron’s Ball).
- 1.28.22 Sent “Thank You” note to the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club for its \$200 contribution to the BCOA National Specialty – 2022 (Hospitality Fund).

AKC DELEGATE REPORT
February 2022
Prudence G. Hlatky

This report will cover the December 2021 Delegates Meeting and the items of interest for the March 2022 meeting. The minutes from both the Delegate meeting and the AKC Board of Directors meetings are already available on the AKC site. Please take time to read the AKC Secretary’s page in the Gazette to see what changes may have been made in your areas of interest.

The Florida Delegates is different from the New York meetings in that most of the Delegates are there for four days and because of the March Board election there’s a lot of interaction between the Board, Candidates, and the Delegates. The upcoming election in March doesn’t have any candidates running by petition so the slate of officer’s is uncontested. The class of 2026 candidates are Christopher Sweetwood (Trap Falls KC), Harold “Red” Tatro III (Fort Worth KC), and Ann Wallin (Atlanta KC). A Q&A from the Delegate’s list was added to my Delegate’s report and made available to the membership.

Delegate Meeting

All the proposed amendments from the December 2021 meeting were voted in.

Items up for vote at the March 2022 meeting have been listed in the February 2022 Gazette. At this time, I know of only one item and that pertains to adding Scent Work to the HEC Delegate Committee so that it now encompasses Herding, Earthdog, Coursing, plus Scent Work.

Of interest, at the upcoming February AKC Board meeting they will be discussing:

- The Defining Fitness to Participate in Fast CAT and CAT.
- Opportunity for Championship Points for Group 2-3-4 Placements

Delegate Committee Meetings

Legislative Update: At the end of this report, I've included the Legislative update that was presented to the Parent Club Delegate's by Sheila Goffe, AKC VP of Government Relations. Our and your support of the AKC Legislative branch and the AKC PAC is vital. The ownership of and sports with purebred dogs are under attack now more than ever. These are just a small example of what the AKC and the AKC PAC is trying to protect us against. Such as in the coming year the new issue of "lawyers for dogs".

Discussed but not listed in the report was what is behind some of these bills. + Ban on working dogs, i.e., police dogs it has a racist overtone because of who they most often bite or used to arrest. Coursing is considered a 'kill sport'. Dogs, even those chasing plastic, are being trained to kill other animals. Or they could be killed in the participation of this sport. Foster Care – Imagine you are charged with animal cruelty, your dogs are seized, you are required to pay board of all the dogs. Miss a payment, you lose your dogs. Even if at the end of the trial you're innocent.

Best Practices - Currently the Junior's Subcommittee, the Specialty Show Committee, the Parent Club Committee, and the Meet the Breed Committees are developing Best Practice Guidelines that I will share when they become available. *(from my Sept report)*

The Junior's Subcommittee completed its Best Practices document and the link is: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn-origin-etr.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/07104106/2021.12.7-JR-BP-Outline-Document.pdf>

At the direction of the Board, I've completed Parent Club survey for Breeder Education and Parent Club Membership.

The Delegate's also received an update on Archiving for AKC Clubs. I've included the link because the practices discussed would be very beneficial to the membership in the keeping of their personal archives: <https://www.akc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Archiving-for-AKC-Clubs.pdf>

AKC Purebred Preservation Bank – Work continues in the creation of the Preservation Bank with a Mission Statement and is developing a Q&A. BCOA's participation is still under discussion with the BCOA Board. It will be open to all breeds, not just endangered breeds.

"The mission of the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank is to ensure the viability of purebred dogs. This valuable service is necessary to salvage or restore endangered dog breeds now and in the future by coordinating efforts with nonprofit breed specific clubs. The preservation bank will educate breeders clubs and the public about the importance of safeguarding frozen semen and protecting purebred dog breeds for future decades."

HEC Committee. (Coursing)

Although I didn't attend this meeting, I saw this in the notes from the meeting and am passing it on.

1) AKC trial run-off situations.

Currently some FTS and superintendents are utilizing the wrong run-off interpretation of the rules. All dogs eligible to run for BOB should be included in the draw (including ties for first place in a stake). Ties for first place in any stake should not be run off to determine the winner of the stake before BOB draws are determined. The HEC Coursing Subcommittee will work on proper wording to clarify this situation so that all dogs eligible are included in the draw, and no dogs have to do extra runs in order to compete for the draw. The subcommittee to determine proper clarification wording. Karen also suggests a flow chart to help secretaries.

2) NLCC

a). Make the NLCC Best in Event (BIE) more competitive by having run-offs between all dogs eligible for BIE and the winner of each run-off runs against other run-off winners until there is only one run-off and that determines BIE. The LC Subcommittee will look at providing clarification wording.

b). Until the final run in BIE, owners should have the ability to separate their hounds. The LC Subcommittee will look at wording to clarify this situation.

BCOA Member Involvement - Over the past year I have forwarded many notices on to the Health Committee, the legislative Committee and to the BCOA Board to share with our members. But it is frustrating when I receive a Delegate AKC update on changes to a program or an area of interest that no member in the club has taken ownership of. All I can do is remind the membership to read the Secretary's Page in the AKC Gazette for updates in the arenas they play in. For example, rule changes occurred in CATS, Dock Diving, Obedience, Rally and many more. If you would like to be the contact person and coordinator for a specific area, please let me or the Board know.

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SHEILA GOFFE – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

AKC Vice President of Government Relations began by saying she has been working on ideas for involvement of parent clubs since those clubs are national in scope and therefore much different in scope than the local and regional all breed clubs they normally work with. Sheila did ask that every Parent Club appoint a legislative liaison with whom her team can work on issues relevant to parent clubs.

So far this year, there have been 300 legislative alerts and are currently tracking over 3,000 individual pieces of legislation. A process of notifying each Parent Club liaison of every bill being tracked would lead to over saturation so she's looking on ways to make the process for parent clubs to be more efficient while still tapping into the vast amount of knowledge possessed by our Parent Club members.

Here are some of the major issues Government Relations is expecting to be at the top of the charts for 2022:

Animal cruelty Issues

Issues that directly impact working dogs including **police dogs** who are under attack by animal rights activists.

Toward that end, AKC has announced a partnership with the United States Police Dog Assn. wherein both groups will work to discourage AR legislation that would affect the ability of police dogs to do the work they were trained to do.

Looking at legislation that possibly will directly affect events that many of our dog participate in such as lure **coursing** and hunt tests and other performance events.

Healthy Dog Importation Act:

Sheila mentioned a few more issues they are dealing with on the federal level. First on that list is the Healthy Dog Importation Act which would require all dogs being imported into the United States be required to have a veterinarian issued health certificate and a microchip from a USDA certified vet. This does NOT impact U.S. dogs who leave the country and then return. This would help solve the issue we currently have with dogs entering the country who are infected with

various serious pathogens. Currently, the CDC can ban all dogs from coming into the U.S from an entire country. The HDIA is more granular and a better way to approach the importation issue.

HR5261:

The ‘paws off’ bill. This bill requires that any product produced with Xylitol (poisonous to dogs) be labeled as such.

Pets Belonging with Families:

This bill is attempting to limit breeds of dogs who can inhabit public housing. This is BSL pure and simple. This also results in insurance premiums being based on the breed of dog in a particular household. Sheila is happy to report that most of this BSL type legislation is headed in the right direction. New York Governor Kate Hochul recently signed a bill that prohibits insurance carriers from adjusting rates based on the type of dog breed living in a household.

DETECTION DOG TASK FORCE:

This includes a portion of the NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act) which allocates \$5 million to aid in bringing together public and private resources and requires the DOD to work with academics and AKC to provide a minimum of 250 U.S. trained detection dogs to add to a force that now primarily is made up of dogs trained in foreign countries. More importantly, it demands that the DOD begin paying more attention to where their detection dogs are coming from. Much of the money is also targeted at improving the quality of our domestically trained dogs.

FOSTER CARE LEGISLATION:

This covers situations where dogs are seized and the owner (who is incarcerated) is then required to pay for their boarding expenses for the length of trial regardless of its length. If payments are missed, even if you are found innocent, you do not get your dogs back until the payments in arrears are made. If the payments are not made, the dogs are rehomed with other owners. Bills like this are popping up all over the country and it’s a violation of due process.

Standing Committee Supporting Documents for 2/7/2022



Borzo Club of America, Inc. Donor Advised Fund

4th Quarter 2021 Statement (1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021)

1/1/2021 Balance	\$80,708.15
Contributions	\$11,019.92
PPCPP Contribution	\$557.03
Investment Earnings/(Losses)	\$13,056.99
Research Support*	\$5,638.17
12/31/2021 Balance	\$99,703.92

*To obtain a history of your organization's research support or to learn about research areas in need of sponsorship, please email chfgrants@akcchf.org

Dear Barbara,

Your organization's 2021 fourth quarter AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) Donor Advised Fund (DAF) statement is above, showing activity through 12/31/2021 and including 2020 Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCPP) earnings.

In addition to reviewing your DAF statement, we encourage you to refer to our active research studies that are currently in need of support (see [2021 Research Grants Portfolio](#) or search by health topic on [our website](#)). In 2021, we awarded \$3.4 million in new research approaches for canine health and increased our portfolio with 50 new studies to help all dogs live happier and healthier lives. **Please contact chf@akcchf.org or call 888-682-9696 to discuss specific projects of interest to you and your breed.**

If you're ready to put DAF dollars to work for dogs now, you can make your important recommendation for sponsorship by completing a [research sponsorship form](#) and support innovative canine health research. Grant sponsorships at a level of \$2,500 or more earn regular scientific progress updates on these critical studies and are great to share with your membership as you follow along with the work of leaders in veterinary medicine and scientific research. Also, right now, an anonymous donor is matching all donations to CHF's Musculoskeletal Conditions and Disease Research Program Area, up to \$25,000.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your continued partnership!

Sincerely,

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Katherine Brantley, CHF Director of Finance: katherine.brantley@akcchf.org

PLEASE NOTE: *A minimum annual distribution of 5% of the fund balance is a recommended standard for each Donor Advised Fund to maintain active status. Per Foundation policy, if a fund has failed to make distributions by each calendar year-end, the Foundation will distribute 5% of the fund to support general canine health research.*

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

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

January 10, 2022 - Annual Budget Review Meeting

The BCOA-BTRC held the Annual Budget Review Meeting on January 10, 2022, 8pm: EST. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Karen Ackerman, a quorum was established with the attendance of the following members: Barbara O'Neill, Joyce Katona, Ron Williams, Shen Smith & Karen Ackerman. Also present were BTRC financial advisors Karen Denning, PhD & Kelly Brunarski PhD. Absent was Dee Jones, BTRC Rescue Advisor. Ron Williams welcomed Betsey Tolley his newly appointed BCOA BoD member from the BCOA BoD who will be monitoring BTRC meeting until she receives appointment approval with the February BCOA BoD meeting.

2022 BCOA BoD Appointments Ron Williams, President BCOA announced his three (3) appointments to serve the BTRC from the BCOA BoD those being himself, Joyce Katona & Betsey Tolley and appointments from the Membership-at-Large two (2) appointees those being Shen Smith & Karen Ackerman.

2022 BTRC Annual Officer Appointments A motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Joyce Katona to appoint and approve Karen Ackerman to serve as the BTRC Chairman (Yes-4 No-0 Ackerman/Abstain) MOTION CARRIED. A motion was then made by Ron Williams, 2nd by Joyce Katona to appoint and approve Shen Smith to serve as the BTRC Secretary (Yes-4 No-0 Smith/Abstain) MOTION CARRIED

2022 BTRC Advisory Appointments Discussion determined after review of Standing Rule 2019-1 "Investment Policies" and a clarification on Article 10, BCOA Constitution & Bylaws by Barbara O'Neill that all BTRC officer, advisory appointments and their approvals are the express duties of the BTRC board. Also, additional advisors may be appointed and approved as need is determined by the BTRC. The following advisory appointments were proposed for 2022:

1) **BTRC Continuity Advisor** a position to maintain continuity-links between the BCOA & BTRC on history, established rules and operational regulations, a motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Joyce Katona to appoint and approve Barbara O'Neill to serve in this capacity for the BTRC. (Yes-4 No-0 O'Neill/Abstain) MOTION CARRIED

2) **BTRC Financial Advisors** Karen Denning, PhD & Kelly Brunarski, PhD indicated they were willing to continue serving as financial advisors to the BTRC. A motion was made by Joyce Katona, 2nd by Shen Smith to approve the BTRC financial advisors appointments for 2022. (Yes-5, No-0) MOTION CARRIED Ron Williams personally thanked Karen & Kelly for their past years and continuing service to the BCOA and the BTRC.

3) **BTRC Rescue Advisor** A motion was made by Ron Williams 2nd by Barbara O'Neill to appoint and approve Dee Jones as the BCOA-BTRC Rescue Consultant Advisor. (Yes-5, No-0) MOTION CARRIED

BTRC Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2021 As there were no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Ron Williams, 2nd by Joyce Katona to approve the minutes of November 8, 2021 as published (5-Yes, 0-No) MOTION CARRIED

SECRETARY'S REPORT Shen Smith reported all support documents & Schwab account statements for the four quarters of 2021 have been provided directly to the members of the BTRC, the BCOA Recording Secretary and each member of the BCOA BoD. The Schwab Account balances on December 31, 2021 for Rescue Accounts #1 & #2 were:

<u>Schwab ResAcct#1:</u>		<u>Schwab ResAcct#2:</u>	
Investments & Cash	\$971,190.24	Investments & Cash	\$186,184.84
Total Accts #1 & #2 \$1,157,375,08			

2021 Recap and Review: Reinvestment discussions for maturing funds this past year noted there would accrue a larger than normal amount in cash from deposit of interest/dividend earnings and maturing/ called bond/CD due to a serious lack of available offerings which produce even a decent amount of return above the high inflation rates, This problem was caused by the ongoing two-year Covid-19 pandemic and then the current 2021-22 federal government's over printing of money, buying up their own treasury bonds and then their heavy spending which has created the still rising 7+% inflation rate that has severely reduced earning abilities within the authorized conservative venues required for maintaining a perpetuity level for the BCOA-BTRC rescue funds.

2021 BTRC Interest & Dividend Earnings:

ResAcct#1 dividends & interest earnings net **+\$19,380.05**

ResAcct#2 dividends & interest earnings net **+\$ 4,324.82**

2021 Combined Schwab Accounts Net Earnings as of 12/31/2021 was **+\$23,704.87**

Distributions From 2020 Earnings Issued in 2021 Two (2) checks were authorized and issued for release from the BCOA-BTRC Schwab accounts in 2021 \$15,000 issued to National Borzoi Rescue Foundation, Inc, and \$343.13 to the Borzoi Club of America to offset their 2020 out-of-pocket expenses for the BTRC. Both checks were received and acknowledged by the recipients.

Distribution From 2021 Earnings to Reimburse BCOA Expenses: Reimbursement to BCOA for their out of pocket expenses is for two (2) BTRC meetings held during 2021 with the Chorus Call invoices paid by the BCOA for meetings held: February 15 / \$167.86 & November 8 / \$247.67 with total to reimburse BCOA of \$415.53.

As there were no additional comments or questions a motion was made by Barbara O'Neill, 2nd by Ron Williams to accept the Secretary's report. (Yes-5, No-0) MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Amended Text For SR "Annual Budget, Annual Distributions and Authorized Members

Barbara O'Neill provided some wording for amending **Sections 2 & 5**. After discussion the section text was revised and recombined in part with previous section 2 text making the amendment revisions better clarified.

Kelly Brunarski questioned the reason for specifically listing NBRF as a recipient in this rule. Barbara clarified that a list of all approved rescues have always been part of this section for there isn't any other place where the approved rescues are listed. She said up until recently there were two authorized rescues on this list but when the Northern California rescue group dissolved they were removed.

Discussed in previous BTRC meetings and also by the BCOA BoD was a need for securing better information on how Bev Taylor funds are being spent. A determination was made that going forward - all authorized BCOABTRC rescue groups looking for annual rescue distribution consideration must complete and submit a application form called: **"Request for BCOA-BTRC Rescue Funds"** before their organization will be placed on the BTRC agenda for rescue consideration.

BTRC Standing Rule - Annual Budget to replace existing section 2 text with amended text:

Section 2:

- A) **BORZOI RESCUE GROUPS DEFINED:** To be considered as a recipient of BCOA-BTRC Borzoi Rescue Funds all previously approved and new organizations applying must maintain current USA State incorporated status and be IRS 501 (c3) non-profit authorized with a EIN identifying them as a **Borzoi-Only 501(c3) Rescue Organization**. Borzoi-Only rescue organization recipients must have applied and received a final approval for distribution consideration from the BCOA-BTRC rescue funds by both the BTRC & the BCOA Board of Directors. **All approved Borzoi-Only rescue organizations are expected to maintain financial records on how and where their BCOA-BTRC previous Borzoi rescue distribution funds were spent and this information is required to be provided to the BCOA-BTRC.**

Exclusions: It was previously determined that all-breed, or combined other breed rescue groups are not eligible for approval status as a BTRC-BCOA Borzoi-Only non-profit rescue group. Any individual, other party or group may apply directly to one of the approved BCOA-BTRC Borzoi-Only rescue groups for possible rescue assistance they might require.

B) LIST OF CURRENTLY APPROVED GROUPS:

(1) The National Borzoi Rescue Foundation (NBRF)

C) FOR RESCUE FUND DISTRIBUTION CONSIDERATION REQUESTS: going forward an application form entitled "Request for BCOA-BTRC Rescue Funds" will be found on the www.borzoiclubofamerica.org website. This form is required to be completed and submitted annually by all preapproved BCOA-BTRC Borzoi Only 501 (c3) rescue groups looking for consideration of funds from the BCOA-BTRC Borzoi-Only rescue fund.

The completed application form with a copy attached of the rescue's last filed IRS 990 form is required along with a written report outlining where the previous years (if any) BCOA-BTRC funds were spent, to what purpose were they used for and who received the financial benefits of those funds.

For consideration of rescue funds the completed application form with the required attached documents will be annually received by the BTRC Secretary between September 1st and December 1st of each year. Failure to submit the required application form and documents during the specified time frame can cause a serious delay or a possible loss of the rescues preapproval status.

Annual Budget Standing Rule to Replace Old Section 5 Text with the below Section 5 Text is only a clean-up and a clarification of the account contact and club ownership and who is authorize for possible access.

Section 5. ACCOUNT OWNERSHIP: The primary account contact for any and all BTRC-BCOA fund accounts shall be held legally for the BCOA in the name of the BCOA Corresponding Secretary. Additional authorized personnel may be granted account access, such as designated financial consultants, BTRC Chair, BTRC Secretary etc. as deemed necessary.

BTRC-Standing Rule "Annual Budget, Annual Distributions & Authorized Members" After final review of amended text for Sections 2 & 5 for Standing Rule-"Annual Budget, Annual Distributions & Authorized Members", a motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Ron Williams that this Standing Rule be amended replacing old sections 2 & 5 text with the amended sections 2 & 5 text to be approved, and then the entire standing rule to become known as **BTRC Standing Rule #2022-1-"Annual Budget, Annual Distributions & Authorized Members"** Voted by Roll Call 5/Yes MOTION CARRIED

BTRC - Standing Rule-#2019-1 "Investment Policies" The BTRC at the Annual Budget meeting each year must review and approve for the coming year any proposed changes and/or amendments to the **Investment Policies** standing rule.

Discussion regarding the cause of the current inflation as being the result of too much money being printed and put into circulation and then spent by government policies and problems in the supply chain. The BCOA-BTRC fund has been sitting on a lot of un-invested currency this past year due to the

severe inflation making investment returns not adequate for sustaining rescue benefit. The BTRC previously asked the financial advisors to take a look at investment opportunities currently available and provide some advice as to what might be a better investment strategy in this economy. Karen & Kelly indicated small amounts of funds into ETFs, I-Funds, Common Stock and/or Common Stock Mutual Funds may be the only way to earn a bit more revenue though they can be risky if the country and the markets go into recession which might happen in March this year depending on how the Feds handle their proposed increases in interest rates.

It was pointed out that all of the entities mentioned are currently on the expressly prohibited list and in order to use them there would need to be a super-majority of 2/3's affirmative vote of both the BTRC and the BCOA BoD to make any changes allowing them to be moved to the "**Constraints: Eligible Asset Classes**" list.

Karen suggested TIPS fund investments as they wouldn't require a super-majority vote to add the category to the "Eligible Asset Classes" list and they will provide more diversity and a bit more income.

Constraints: Eligible Asset Classes: The BTRC Financial Investment Advisory Board has determined the following asset classes for investments of the monies of the BCOA-BTRC funds are appropriate classes for maintaining the long term perpetual goal of the original bequeath:

1. US Treasury Bills
2. US Treasury Notes and Bonds
3. Certificates of Deposit at FDIC insured banks (both short, medium and long term)
4. Corporate Bonds whose rating is maintained at least AA (including callable bonds)
5. Foreign fixed income securities
6. US and foreign preferred stock
7. Mutual funds (whose composition is primarily fixed income securities)
8. Money market mutual funds

The following asset classes are expressly prohibited unless determined by a 'super majority' (2/3rds or more) of all members of both the BTRC and the BCOA BoD.

1. Common stock (both foreign and domestic)
2. Short sales
3. Commodity investments
4. Venture capital investments
5. REITs
6. Direct real estate investment
7. The purchase of securities on margin
8. Both naked and covered call writing or purchase
9. Both naked and covered put writing or purchase
10. The purchase of foreign Treasury securities
11. The purchase (and sale) of foreign currencies

Asset Allocation: Because of the perpetual nature of the fund it should be predominately invested in fixed income securities and/or funds, corporate bond funds, certificates of deposit, and US Treasury securities. Market conditions may determine the specific allocation in these normal asset classes.

The financial advisors discussed areas where amendment may help increase revenues with Kelly suggesting by proposing a addition to the "expressly prohibited list" amending Item **#1 Common Stock**

(both foreign and domestic) with the addition of the words **“except common stock funds like Exchange Traded Funds (ETF’s) & Index Mutual funds”**. Discussion with the BCOA BoD members serving on the BTRC board regarding the feasibility of receiving approval for a super-majority vote in order to amend the expressly prohibited list resulted in a consensus to hold off at this time until the economy makes a turn for the better.

Then considered was the TIPS category which resulted in a decision to amend the **Constraints: Eligible Asset Classes** section by allowing a new category investment to become part of the allowed investment venues, a motion was made by Shen Smith, 2nd by Ron Williams to amend the standing rule section of the Investment Policies standing rule called Constraints: Eligible Asset Classes with the addition of a new **Category #9 Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS)** in which with predetermined smaller investment amounts broadens the asset classes available for re-investments. By Roll Call Vote 5/Yes – MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Joyce Katona, 2nd by Shen Smith to replace Standing Rule 2019-1 “Investment Policies” with the amended **Standing Rule #2022-1- “Investment Policies”** containing the newly approved Eligible Asset Classes with Item #9 – Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS). By Roll Call Vote Yes/5 – MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **“Request for BCOA-BTRC Rescue Funds” – Text For Proposed Application Form Data Fields:**

Form Application Name **Request for BCOA-BTRC Rescue Funds**
Header 1 (For Qualified 501(c3) Borzoi-Only Approved Rescue Groups)
Rescue Organization Legal Name
Legal Address of the Organization
Date of Incorporation & State of Incorporation
Federal Tax Id Number

CONTACT INFO:

Name of Primary Organizations Contact Person: (Secretary/Treasurer)
Name of All Officers & Board of Directors W/Address, Phone & Email
(if applicable) Names of All Advisory Board W/Names, Address, Phone & Email

REQUIREMENTS: For Placement In Consideration of Rescue Fund Distributions:

- Section 1 Check Box to Request Consideration for Rescue Funds For Current Year
- Section 2 Type Year of IRS Form 990 Last Filing & Check Box that copy is attached
- Section 3 List Previous Year Distribution Amount Received
- Section 4 Attached Detailed Report of where the BCOA-BTRC funds were spent, to what purpose were they used for and who received the financial benefits of the rescues most previous BCOA-BTRC rescue distribution

GENERAL:

Section 1 Location on the BCOA website where this form will be located for download

Section 2 Date by which the completed application form along with required attachments must be received by the BTRC Secretary between August 1st and December 1st each year.

Section 3 Failure to submit the required completed application form, attach the 990 IRS filing for the prior year and submit a report on the previous year spending within the specified time table can cause a serious delay or a possible loss of all preapproval status for the rescue funds.

A motion was made by Barbara O’Neill, 2nd by Ron Williams to approve the wording for the “**Request for BCOA-BTRC Rescue Funds**” application form. Yes-5, No-0, MOTION CARRIED Shen indicated she would take the proposed text and have it formatted into a regular form and have it posted on the BCOA website under the BTRC Section.

2022 Budget Proposal For Rescue Distribution Consideration: A review was undertaken to determine the exact figure available for rescue distribution consideration from the 2021 earnings of \$23,704.87 available. BCOA out of pocket expenses for 2021 were two (2) BTRC meetings with Chorus Call invoices paid by BCOA: May 1st \$167.86 & November 11th \$247.67 - total due to BCOA of \$415.53.

Based on BTRC past handling of rescue distributions in less than stellar economies the BTRC & BCOA BoD has always made a distribution to the benefit of Borzoi Rescue. If a \$15k distribution might be considered this year the BTRC could then assign a combined retained earning of \$8,289.34 as a hedge against the current and rising inflation rates. A motion was made by Barbara O’Neill to retain a bit more toward inflation by allocating release of \$11k to the benefit of the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation for this year – motion received no second. A motion was then made by Ron Williams, 2nd by Shen Smith to authorize fund release to the National Borzoi Rescue Foundation in the amount of \$15k & with \$415.53 issued to reimburse BCOA. Yes/ 5, No-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Chair Ackerman indicated she would be calling another BTRC meeting after February 7th once the BCOA BoD approvals have been received on the annual distributions.

As there was no further business at this time a motion was made by Ron Williams to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:19 PM.

Health Committee – Nancy Hopkins / Dee Jones

Status of Borzoi Related Health Research

A lot has happened this year concerning Borzoi health initiatives. There are two organizations now involved, BCOA and the Borzoi Health and Welfare Foundation (BHWF). I will include initiatives of both organizations to help maintain clarity. I also wish to stress that these two organizations are not working counter to each other. To date the initiatives of both organizations have worked in dovetail to help forward our goal toward a formal Borzoi cardiac research study. The BHWF is also eager to raise funds for Borzoi research. Some of the information I give will be provided in more detail by Ginger in her report assuming her meeting with CHF can be scheduled before the deadline of this board report, though that is doubtful due to the need to coordinate with the busy schedules of all involved.

To give a global overview, I will start at the very beginning.

Borzoi Holter Rental Project

In 2016 a proposal to begin a Holter Rental Program with a discount to people who were willing to share the Holter report and all future cardiac health information with BCOA Health was offered by the BCOA Health Committee. The Board ultimately approved this proposal. This began the **BCOA Holter Rental Project**. The first Holter apparatus and accessories were bought using Borzoi Health Calendar Fundraiser monies raised by Renee McCartin and her calendar volunteers. Leslie Walenta agreed to oversee the Holter maintenance and mail outs. Leslie was a good fit for this position as she has experience with Holters and putting Holters on dogs in addition to her Veterinary Technician experience.

BCOA Borzoi Arrhythmia Project

As the Holter Rental Project was being initiated, Ginger Jones made a second attempt to initiate a cardiac study through CHF. The first request was not accepted on the grounds that the study did not have a tight enough focus. At that time, we did not have the data to know what kinds of heart disease impacted Borzoi and to what degree. The researcher, Dr. Kate Meurs, had proposed a survey study, that was the proposal that CHF refused. With Ginger's second query, CHF found a researcher interested in our breed and a meeting was set. That researcher was again Dr. Kate Meurs. During the discussion with CHF and Dr. Meurs, again, the issue with the lack of documented heart disease of a specific type in Borzoi was a road block with CHF. However, when the Borzoi Holter Rental Project was revealed, Dr. Meurs agreed to accept all collected shared Holter reports with an eye to using the data to create a tightly focused study that would be acceptable to the CHF. This began the BCOA **Borzoi Arrhythmia Project**. Dr. Anna Gelzer, an arrhythmia specialist, presented at the 2017, Hunt Valley, MD National Specialty health seminar and became interested in our breed and our Borzoi Arrhythmia Project. She contacted Dr. Meurs and they agreed to work together on the project with Dr. Gelzer focusing on the arrhythmias and Dr. Meurs focused on feasibility for a genetic study. Starting in 2017, all Holter reports that were shared with BCOA were sent to Dr. Gelzer who entered the data in a spread sheet and then consulted with Dr. Meurs regarding the findings. Participation in the Holter Rental Project has been excellent with multiple dogs receiving more than one Holter, including a good number of puppies.

BCOA Borzoi Arrhythmia Project - Phase II

As the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project continued and the data accumulated it became apparent that the arrhythmias that cause Borzoi sudden death were infrequent and transient in nature so that even with 24 hour Holters they were very difficult to find. The Holtered Borzoi who had died of sudden death had Holters that were not alarming or suggestive of malignant arrhythmias. Because we were unable to identify those dogs at risk of a fatal cardiac arrhythmia and those

who were not, Dr. Meurs had to leave the project because she had to know which dogs were affected and which were normal for a gene study to be successful. Dr. Gelzer stayed with the Borzoi Arrhythmia Project.

Dr. Gelzer suggested two new avenues of investigation that might help us gain more information. The first of these became the BCOA **Borzoi Arrhythmia Project Phase II**. The goal of this phase of the Arrhythmia Project was to implant at least three Borzoi with an implantable cardiac loop recording device-or LINQ device. This device would be able to record continually as well as save several arrhythmia events. It was hoped that using these devices more data could be gathered about the nature and frequency of the arrhythmias that cause Borzoi sudden death. The first dog for this project was identified and successfully implanted. The second candidate belonged to a BCOA nonmember. The BHWF agreed to facilitate that implantation by providing funds to pay for expenses. To date two dogs have been implanted with one more identified for implantation.

BHWF Valentine's Fund and Borzoi Heart Necropsy Project

The second initiative suggested by Dr. Gelzer was an investigation into the pathology findings from the hearts of dogs who died from sudden death. Dr. Gelzer provided us with an introduction to a Cardiac Pathology specialist, Dr. Kathleen Kelly who was willing to investigate the hearts of Borzoi. She is not only interested in the hearts of Borzoi who die of sudden death, but also Borzoi who die with known DCM, as well as normal heart healthy borzoi who die of natural or other causes. Her goal is to identify a cause for the sudden deaths as well as develop norms for veterinary pathologists who are doing necropsies on Borzoi hearts.

Because it was unreasonable to ask owners to donate the hearts of their Borzoi who died of sudden death and pay for the expenses resulting from removal, shipping, and necropsy of the heart we realized, to be successful, this initiative must pay for the expenses. The BHWF enthusiastically agreed to take this project on and initiated the **Valentine's Fund**, named in honor of a beloved Borzoi who died suddenly and unexpectedly while being groomed. These funds were earmarked to pay for the expenses for those individuals who agreed to submit their dog's heart to the **Borzoi Heart Necropsy Project**. To date 10 Borzoi hearts have been donated, 9 who died of sudden death and 1 who was euthanized due to end stage DCM.

BCOA Borzoi Echocardiogram Project

In 2019, after speaking with Dr. Danielle Steenkamp at an OFA cardiac clinic, Dr. Saunders, Dr. Sykes, and Dr. Wesselowski became interested in investigating Borzoi hearts. Dr. Wesselowski proposed a project where she and her team would do the echos at the National health clinics at three successive National Specialties to gather data for developing norms for Borzoi Cardiac Echos and to assess the types of cardiac disease found in our breed. Unfortunately Covid changed these plans, the 2020 National was canceled and the Texas A&M Cardiology team was unable to attend the Ohio National. In order to begin their investigation, Dr. Wesselowski asked

if some Borzoi owners in Texas might be interested in having their dogs echoed. The answer was an enthusiastic, Yes! Thus began the ***Borzoi Echocardiogram Project***. They have been echoing Borzoi from Texas a few at a time for the last year and a half thanks to the overwhelming participation of the region's Lone Star Borzoi Club members and other regional Borzoi enthusiasts. There was also interest from far outside of the state of Texas, but unfortunately the team at Texas A&M were unable to accommodate these individuals. Dr. Saunders and Dr. Wesselowski will be providing echos at the 2022 National Specialty Heart Clinic to add to the data for their research.

Possible BCOA Borzoi DCM Research Study

Of all the dogs the team from Texas A&M have echoed to date, 10% have had DCM. Because of owner and breeder cooperation, the team at Texas A&M believe they have the ability to develop a full research study into the genetics of Borzoi DCM. This is at the very beginning of discussions. Dr. Wesselowski will be meeting with the genetics team at Texas A&M to discuss feasibility and cost for such a study. Ginger is initiating talks with CHF to discuss the possibility of using our Borzoi Donor Advised Fund to pay for this research. As we gather more specific information we will be sharing the information with the Board. Danielle Steenkamp has agreed to be the liaison between Dr. Wesselowski and her team and the BCOA Health Committee. This is a good fit because of Danielle's medical knowledge and enthusiasm for the project. She also has good rapport with the cardiologists at Texas A&M. Without her initiative, this study might never have occurred. My deepest thanks to Danielle Steenkamp for her help.

It is important to note that to date, neither Dr. Meurs nor Dr. Gelzer have been paid for the time they have put into evaluating the data on over 200 Borzoi Holters. Using the information coming from the implanted LINQ devices and the cardiac necropsies, Dr. Gelzer hopes to be able to develop a fundable study on the topic of Borzoi Arrhythmias to recoup some of her expenses. We will need to repay the UPenn Vet Cardiology department for the LINQ devices we have implanted as those used were the property of the university. However, at this time, no devices are available for purchase for veterinary use and because there is no official study being done, there is no budgetary pathway through which funds can be sent. Once this changes I will be asking the Board for permission to use BCOA Health funds to replace the three LINQ devices used in Borzoi.

Dr. Wesselowski and her team have been using local funding for their investigation to date. They are seeking other sources of money, but a genetic study will need substantial funding.

This is an exciting time, but I warn that a research study into the genetics of a disease can be complicated and long. Often there is more than one gene that is the cause of the heart disease. At this time, there are two genes implicated in Doberman DCM, yet those two genes do not explain all cases of DCM in that breed. More research needs to be done to parse out what might be causing the cases of Doberman DCM that are not explained by the two genes found to date. The causes may be genetic, but they may also be caused by other factors. Similarly with Boxer

Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Cardiomyopathy, the one gene that has been identified to date does not explain the complete picture of Boxer heart disease. One research study suggests that DCM in Great Danes is multifactorial. Because of the history of these breeds, we need to remember that finding the full nature of what causes DCM in Borzoi may need more than one study. Continuing to work with both Dr. Gelzer and Dr. Wesselowski/ Dr. Saunders will help to provide us with more information and a potential for greater understanding of Borzoi heart disease. Persistence and patience will provide us with answers.

I also wish to point out that both with the Dr. Meurs/ Dr. Gelzer team and the Texas A&M team the participation of Borzoi owners / breeders was a very pleasant surprise to them. No matter how much we want research on various health issues in our breed, no research would ever happen without YOU. The Borzoi community truly shows that Borzoi breeders and owners take the health of their hounds seriously and are willing to go far out of their way to help improve the health of our breed for the future. This deserves a great deal of praise! Thank you!

>Attachment: Dr. Wesselowski Status statement. This will be printed in the Aristocrat as well.

Borzoi Health And Welfare Foundation (BHWF)

The BHWF has within its by-laws reserved placement of 2 BCOA appointed members on the BHWF board. I encourage the BCOA board to consider filling these two positions. This would give BCOA a say in disbursement of BHWF monies as this organization grows. BHWF has already been instrumental in the formation of the Valentine’s Fund to pay for Borzoi heart necropsies. This initiative is an important aspect in current Borzoi heart disease investigations and has saved BCOA this expense. I believe it is in the best interest for a continued close working relationship between these two organizations.

OFA Quarterly Report

First Quarter (March)

Screening Test	Number normal/(% Normal)	Number equivocal/ carrier	Number abnormal/ At Risk	Percent equivocal/ abnormal
Advanced Cardiac (ACA)	27 / (81.8%)	1	5 (4 MMVD, 1 SAS/AS)	18.2%
Congenital Cardiac	3 / (100%)	0	0	
Basic Cardiac	5 / (71.4%)	2	0	28.6%
Thyroid	25 / (92.6%)	1	1 (Comp. Autoimmune Thyroiditis)	7.4%

Screening Test	Number normal/(% Normal)	Number equivocal/ carrier	Number abnormal/ At Risk	Percent equivocal/ abnormal
Eyes	35 / (100%)	0	0	
Degenerative Myelopathy	52 / (98.1%)	0	1 At Risk	1.9%
Hips	1 / (100%)	0	0	
Elbows	1 / (100%)	0	0	
Canine Health (new CHICs)	26			
DNA Repository	0			
Dentition	0			

Second Quarter (June)

Screening Test	Number normal/(% Normal)	Number equivocal/ carrier	Number abnormal/ At Risk	Percent equivocal/ abnormal
Advanced Cardiac (ACA)	99 / (90%)	6	5 (2 TVD, 2 DCM, 1 MMVD)	10%
Congenital Cardiac	0	0	0	
Basic Cardiac	9 / (100%)	0	0	
Thyroid	75 / (91.5%)	4	3 (Comp. Autoimmune Thyroiditis)	8.5%
Eyes	119 / (100%)	0	0	
Degenerative Myelopathy	37 / (100%)	0	0	0
Hips	0	0	0	
Elbows	0	0	0	
Canine Health (new CHICs)	62			

Screening Test	Number normal/(% Normal)	Number equivocal/carrier	Number abnormal/ At Risk	Percent equivocal/ abnormal
DNA Repository	35			
Dentition	7 / (87.5%)		1 (other dental issue)	12.5%

Third Quarter (September)

Screening Test	Number normal/(% Normal)	Number equivocal/carrier	Number abnormal/ At Risk	Percent equivocal/ abnormal
Advanced Cardiac (ACA)	43 / (93.5%)	2	1 (DCM)	6.5%
Congenital Cardiac	0	0	0	
Basic Cardiac	3 / (100%)	0	0	
Thyroid	36 / (90%)	1	3 (Comp. Autoimmune Thyroiditis)	10%
Eyes	51 / (98.1%)	0	1 Abnormal	1.9%
Degenerative Myelopathy	25 / (100%)	0	0	
Hips	2 / (100%)	0	0	
Elbows	2 / (100%)	0	0	
Canine Health (new CHICs)	39			
DNA Repository	1			
Dentition	1 / (100%)		0	

CHIC Requirements

Don't forget that Auscultations alone will not qualify for a CHIC as of June 1, 2021. Borzoi must get an ACA as their cardiac clearance in order to qualify for a CHIC number. Also, do not forget,

if you are doing screenings and are seeking a CHIC number for your dog, you MUST mark the box providing OFA with permission to place your dog in the OPEN DATABASE! Do not forget this. Below is the listing of CHIC requirements.

- [Eye Examination](#)
Eye Examination by a boarded ACVO Ophthalmologist [↗](#)
- [Autoimmune thyroiditis](#)
OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory [↗](#)
- [Cardiac Evaluation](#)
Advanced Cardiac Exam [↗](#)
- [Degenerative Myelopathy](#)
DNA based DM test results from an approved lab [↗](#)
- [Hip Dysplasia](#) (Optional)
OFA Evaluation [↗](#)
PennHIP Evaluation (min age 12 months)
- [Elbow Dysplasia](#) (Optional)
OFA Evaluation [↗](#)

2022 National Health Clinics

We will be offering Echocardiograms at this year's clinics provided by Dr's Wesselowski and Saunders from Texas A&M University. The echos will be limited to two dogs per household. A waiting list will be maintained. There will be a price break for BCOA members. Please watch for information on specifics. Dr. Wesselowski will also be presenting at our Health Seminar to provide information on the Borzoi heart investigation being done by the team at Texas A&M and provide information on cardiac screening tests.

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!

Juniors Report Submitted by Barbara Tyler Lord

January 31, 2022 – BCOA Junior Handler/Showman Committee End of the Year Report

Dear Borzoi Club of America Board of Directors and Club members,

I have served as the chair of the BCOA Junior Showman committee for 28 years starting when our children were competing in junior showman competition. While our children are now grown adults, our young junior handlers, as well as our club’s junior showman program continues to be something I am very passionate about.

This certainly does not mean that I cannot make mistakes, and when that happens the buck stops with me. With that in mind, I want to publicly apologize to Kirbie Pearl Allen for an error made in listing points for her from the 2019 BCOA National held in Gettysburg, PA. During the Junior Showman competition, in the Novice Junior class division, Kirbie took first place in her class. Months later, when I posted the BCOA Final Statistics on January 20, 2020, for the juniors handling in 2019, I erroneously left Kirbie’s points off the final list, and for that I sincerely apologize! Unfortunately, this mistake was not brought to my attention until late in June of 2021, when Kirbie’s mother emailed me. I feel terrible to think that this error made a young lady feel sad, and my only hope is that Kirbie understands that it certainly was not intentional, and that I am sincerely sorry for this mistake.

2021 Final Statistics and Awards:

Listed below please find the complete list of our BCOA junior members as well as junior non-members exhibiting Borzoi in AKC junior showmanship competition throughout the United States during the 2021 calendar year

(January 1, 2021, up to and including December 31, 2021, as per the Canine Chronicle numbers acquired from AKC data):

Lila Holberg (junior member) – 282 points
Raina McCloskey (junior member) – 221 points
Julia Rogers (nonmember) – 58 points
Emily Wentland (nonmember) – 49 points
Leah Graham (junior member) – 34 points
Logan Taylor Yankowski (junior member) – 33 points
Elise Patti (junior member) – 24 points
Faith Rogers (nonmember) – 12 points
Hannah McCloskey (junior member) - 9 points
Sophia Chestnut (nonmember) - 6 points
Kirbie Allen (junior member) – no points
Molly Ann Forsyth (junior member) – no points
James Allen Gibson (junior member) – no points
Madison Gilbert (junior member) – no points
Samantha Kadinger (junior member) – no points
Sophia Linck (junior member) – no points
Sierra Marvin (junior member) – no points
Jaqueline Nachmias (junior member) – no points
Kendall Parker (junior member) – no points
Logan Parker (junior member) – no points
Addison Patti (junior member) – no points

On behalf of the BCOA, I congratulate our club junior member, Lila Holberg for earning the title, Borzoi Club of America's 2021 Top Junior Handler! Way to go, Lila!

I would also like to congratulate the other four junior handlers who are recipients of one of our club's Top Five Junior Handler awards 2nd place: Raina McCloskey. 3rd place: Julia Rogers. 4th place: Emily Wentland, and 5th place: Leah Graham. Congratulations to each of these five young folks, as well as ALL the juniors who teamed up as handlers with a Borzoi in AKC junior Showmanship competition....job well done!

A special congratulatory shout out to BCOA junior member, Logan Yankowski for being one of the eight additional finalists at the AKC National Championship where he was a recipient of a \$500 scholarship. Very impressive, Logan!

Junior members, family, and friends, please remember that our current 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 the BCOA website.

In addition, the American Kennel Club is now taking applications for a junior scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year. This application and its requirements can be found on the AKC website: akc.org. **The deadline for submission: March 4, 2022.** (Mail the application and required checklist to: AKC. Attn: Juniors, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617.

(BCOA members, please feel free to contact me with any questions, corrections or comments regarding junior points or placements, or other junior matters at: warwindfarm@gmail.com or leave a message on (920) 989-2712).

2021 Scholarship/Award Proposals For Our BCOA Junior Handler Members:

(Membership reminder: On April 2, 2016, I presented the BCOA Board of Directors the following proposals for additions for BCOA Junior Handler program. These proposals were discussed at the next BCOA board meeting following my submittal that year, and unfortunately at that time the board made the decision to not move forward on any of these below listed proposed programs).

My hope is that in 2022, our current board will take the time to review (and hopefully) recognize the value of these proposals as tools for supporting and rewarding the young people in our junior program who not only handle our breed, but in addition contribute to their community while being successful students. I am hoping that the BCOA Board will address my proposals (summarized below) at their upcoming board meeting, and then will hopefully bring them before the general membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting this April. I strongly believe that these proposals provide a wonderful opportunity for the BCOA to demonstrate to our junior member handlers the club's encouragement and support for the time and effort that they put into the breed. After all, as I have repeatedly stated throughout the years, these young people are the future caretakers of our much-loved Borzoi breed!

1. JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD -

This award is designed to recognize young people for their varied interests with Borzoi, and to encourage well-rounded participation in all facets of dog ownership. An award will be given each year by the BCOA to the one junior, who in the eyes of the BCOA Board of Directors most fulfills its basic premise. The Junior Showman Chairperson will review all applications and will send the resumes to the Club President for Board distribution and decision. *(Please note: A junior may win this award only once during his/her junior showman career).*

Qualifications:

1. The junior must be between 10 and 18 years of age for the year being nominated.
2. The junior, his/her parents, or sponsor must be a member in good standing of the BCOA.
3. Consideration will be given to any dog-related activity with a Borzoi, such as, but not

limited to:

- * Conformation, obedience, agility, coursing, therapy, rally, etc.
- * Any academic endeavor such as term papers on the history of the Borzoi or school assembly speech on dog ownership.
- * Community service, such as nursing home visits, obedience demonstrations in the community or, for example, a "Walk with Fido" for charity.

Deadline/Details for Submission to Qualify:

1. By June 1st, the junior, or his/her sponsor must submit to the Junior Achievement Chairman a written account of the junior's qualifications and accomplishments for the previous calendar year.
2. Where applicable, copies of titles, certificates, grades, letters of appreciation, etc., should be submitted with the nomination to verify authenticity.
3. Emphasis will be on excellence in a broad spectrum of activities.

The Award:

A plaque will be purchased and engraved with the name of the winner. The plaque will be approximately 5 inches by 8 inches, solid wood, with a brass plate on which will be inscribed: BCOA JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (Junior's name) In Recognition of Outstanding Achievement (Year). In addition to a plaque, the Junior Achievement Award shall include a \$200.00 check from BCOA. (The name and Social Security number of the winning Junior must be supplied to the BCOA Treasurer at least six weeks in advance of the National Specialty).

2. SCHOLASTIC PROGRAM FOR HIGHEST GPA -

The child with the highest-grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 or equivalent for the two semesters completed immediately prior to the closing of the point system for the year, will receive this award. The junior, his/her parents, or sponsor must be a member in good standing of the BCOA. The Junior Showman Chairperson will review all applications and will send to the Club President for Board distribution and decision.

Deadlines/Details for Submission to Qualify:

1. The junior must be between 10 and 18 years of age for the year applying for this award.
2. All information must be received by the Junior Showman Chairperson no later than August 1st.
3. GPA must be verified by an official school transcript or home-school certified documentation.
Send all documentation to the BCOA Junior Chairman.

The Award:

A Saving Bond of \$100.00 will be awarded to the winner at the National Specialty Dinner. (The name and Social Security number of the winning Junior must be supplied to the BCOA Treasurer at least six weeks in advance of the National Specialty).

3. SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE

(Similar to what the AKC offers through their junior showman program). This Scholarship is available only to a BCOA Junior show club member currently enrolled in their Senior year of High School. The Junior Showman Chairperson will serve on a committee of three comprised of one current BOCA board member and a club member at large. This committee will review all applications and essays, and together determine the award recipient.

The criteria for awarding the scholarship includes the following:

1. applicant's need
2. applicant's academic achievement
3. applicant's involvement in the fancy.

Deadline/Details for Submission to Qualify:

Each applicant is required to submit current high school transcripts, as well as a copy of the official acceptance letter from the college/technical college the Junior will be attending after HS graduation. In addition, the applicant must submit an essay including a description of his/her experiences and interests in purebred dogs, including an explanation of how the individual perceives his/her role in the fancy.

The Award:

A check in the amount of \$500.00 will be awarded to the recipient the night of the National Specialty Awards Dinner. (The name and Social Security number of the winning Junior must be supplied to the BCOA Treasurer at least six weeks in advance of the National Specialty).

In closing, I would again like to thank those members of the Borzoi Club of America who have taken the time to get to know and support our junior member handlers. I believe that these proposals will assist our BCOA juniors by providing them with the encouragement and the tools to not only be good citizens, but valued guardians of our breed.



Dear Karen Mays,

The NAIA conference and 30-year anniversary will be held in Tampa, Florida, this upcoming April 22-24, and YOU are invited!

The leading edge of animal health, care, conservation, and science is back. Experience inspiring and fascinating presentations from world-renowned animal experts; take part in empowering workshops; reconnect with old friends... and make some new friends while you're at it!

If you care deeply about animals and animal issues, this is a can't-miss event. This is your animal welfare organization in action. Sign up today to get the tools and the news you can use!

<https://www.classy.org/event/2022-naia-annual-conference-apr-22-24/e384227>

- Breakthrough DNA technology for serious breeders
- Legislative and Media strategies and tools for 2022
- Updates on federal legislation
- The most recent findings on the impact of climate change on animals and ecosystems
- The latest on puppy selection and socialization
- How husbandry practices impact breed preservation
- How attacks on animal sports (such as the Iditarod) threaten domestic animal breeds
- Understand zoonotic disease threats to people and animals from imported animals

We look forward to seeing you!



Patti Strand, NAIA President

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BCOA 2023 National Specialty Performance Events

3 February 2022

To: Betsey Tolley, Show Chair, BCOA National Specialty 2023
BCOA Board of Directors

From: Torie Cassano, Performance Event Chair, BCOA National Specialty 2023.

Re: BCOA 2023 National Specialty Performance Events

Performance Committee Members:

Victoria A. Cassano, Chair; Suzanne Cecere, LGRA Cochair, Peter Schreiber, Jill Woith, Emily Killian

The committee met twice by zoom and conducted business by email.

We have secured the “Whippet Haven” field in Dendron, VA for the performance events to be held 22,23,24 April 2023. (Pictures of the field attached). The field is about 1.25 hours from the Founders Inn.

We have also gotten approval for the use of Sighthounds of Tidewater’s (SHOT’s) equipment for the three events provided we use their lure operators. Peter Schreiber can lure operate for AKC, since he only runs his dog in ASFA. L. Shelton Carter has agreed to run the lure for ASFA and LGRA. They are both experienced lure operators, especially for large, fast dogs.

There are very specific “Rules” for parking RVs and Cars. RVs are allowed to park overnight, but there are no hookups. These will be listed in the premium. There is a port-a-potty.

Audrey Silverstein has graciously agreed to be our Field Trial Secretary, for the cost of gas and a hotel room near the field.

Given that there are limited rooms at Founders Inn on Friday evening we will be running the events in the following order:

LGRA (fewest participants) on Saturday
ASFA trial on Sunday (most participants) and
AKC trial on Monday

We will also try to reserve a block of rooms at a dog friendly hotel closer to the field, if there is enough interest for Friday night.

We will also arrange for box lunches and beverages to be supplied by Founders in, as there are no dining facilities located near the field. (This will help with our meal and incidental requirement at Founders).

We also used ranked choice voting to allow the committee to choose the judges that were nominated by committee members:

The top four choices were:

Eddie Kominek, AKC and ASFA, Limestone, TN)

Julie Kramer, AKC only, Elizabethtown, PA

Donna Richards, AKC and ASFA, Denver, NC

Janice Preiss (CSFA judge) can judge ASFA only (She lives in Beeton, Ontario, Canada)

In addition, Selma Kominek (AKC only) and Doug Berlin (AKC and ASFA), Julie Kramer's husband) are listed as alternates, since they complete a package deal💕).

All judges have accepted their nomination, and are willing to judge for travel and board for the nights they are judging.

My recommendations are:

Donna Richards and Julie Kramer for AKC trial,

Eddie Kominek and Janice Preiss for ASFA trial (If Canadian judge is not approved then Doug Berlin for ASFA.

Respectfully,

Torie Cassano
Performance Events Chiar