

## **REGIONAL GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Meeting Date: 4/3/2023

### **REGION 1 – Kari McCloskey**

Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey submitted paperwork for their specialty in Bridgewater NJ on 9/9/2023. Their judge will be Connie Rutherford for sweeps and regular class will be judged by Micheal Canalizo.

Borzoi Club of Greater New York will have their specialty in Bethlehem PA on the afternoon of May 5, 2023. Their judges are Yancy Russel for sweepstakes, Missy Robyn Bring for Junior Showmanship, and Duncan John McAllister for regular classes. Entry is through Erie K9 events.

Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley will hold their specialty in Bethlehem PA in the morning of May 5, 2023. Their judges are Eugene Jantos for sweepstakes and Dr Kenneth Levinson for regular classes. Entry is through Erie K9 events.

I have heard nothing from Region 1 members via email concerning their opinions on changing of the minimum requirement of echo for CHIC. I have heard from one via phone call.

### **REGION 2 – Betsy Tolley**

### **REGION 3 – Amy Sorbie**

1/24/2023 Attended Health Committee meeting where majority of the Health Committee resigned.

1/26/2023 Attended BCOA Board Meeting Part 1

2/2/2023 Attended BCOA Special Meeting "Health Discussion"

2/6/2023 Attended BCOA Board meeting Part 2

2/14/2023- Sent February Newsletter

- **BCOA Business:** sent link to National premium list
- Call for trophy donations and help for the national.
- Photos, information and links for specialty items.

- **AKC Corner**- Information on Ace award nominations
- **Breeder/Member Education**: Article on Borzoi feet
- Upcoming events.

2/18/2023 Member meeting after RMBC Specialty.

Attendees: Amy Sorbie, Pam Buffington, Jill Zamowski, Rene Green,

Lyn Hoflin, Diana Bates, Robert Bates, Shirley McFadden, Gary Gideon, John and Barbara Matheson, Kay Cassela, Christianna and Samantha Isaacs, Richard Fundom, Joyce Law.

- Discussed upcoming breeder/member health poll
- Asked for any questions or concerns.

2/18-19/2023 RMBC Designated Specialties, Denver CO.

Great two days of Specialties with lovely dogs and wonderful trophies and ribbons from RMBC.

3/3/2023 Sent March Newsletter:

- Sent announcement about the health Poll
- **BCOA Business**: Link to National premium and reminder of closing date
- Link and reminder for catalog sales and National Specialty sales items.
- **AKC Corner**: Government Regulations alert for Texas for introduction of detrimental house bills in Texas.
- **Club Happenings**: RMBC Specialties Feb 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Photos of trophy table and people in attendance.
- **Breeder/Member Education**: Article on GDV/Bloat including symptoms.
- New Champions
- Upcoming events

3/6/2023 Attended Meeting- Introduction to the new Health Committee.

3/15/23 received and forwarded anonymous letter about Tic Toc social media activity talking about infiltrating the board. Forwarded email to all board members.

3/22/23 received correspondence from Dee Jones via Messenger about her displeasure with the survey. She was upset that it asked about litters bred in the last five. I replied that her displeasure was noted and will be passed along.

**REGION 4 –Kay Novotny**

1. Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club News:
  - TTBC has a specialty scheduled for Saturday May 13, judge Del Richards, conformation and Danielle Steenkamp, sweeps. Onofrio Supt.
  - Back-to-back specialties are being planned for November 4-5, 2023 in Bernalillo NM. They will be sharing a beautiful park with the Sporting Dog Assn of NM. Onofrio, Superintendent. Judges: Jim Sillers regular and Anne Quinn (sweeps) on Saturday. Robert Place and Gwen Little (sweeps) on Sunday.
  
2. Borzoi Club of California News:
  - Holding a specialty on Friday, April 14, 2023 with the Western Hound Show. Judges: Regular Classes Del Richards, Sweepstakes Robert Newman.
  - Planning in place for the specialty next year at the same venue. Judge selection is currently being done.
  
3. Borzoi Club of Northern CA News:
  - BCNC plans to have a June 10 designated specialty with Woofstock, Patricia V Trotter regular classes and Ginger Jones puppy and veteran sweeps.
  - BCNC also plans two designated specialties in October with the Del Valle cluster. Harvest Moon, Oct 19-22 2023, Sat designated specialty Edward McKenzie (Scotland) regular classes  
Sweeps: Corrine Miller. Friday, Oct 18, 2023, Designated Specialty, Judges TBD.
  
4. Region 4 general news –
  - Shows are slowly creeping back up in entries from COVID lows – but general economic inflation, etc. is still having an effect. There also seems to be a particularly virulent strain of kennel cough affecting many dogs. This seems to be all over the country, not just in our region.
  - A new club is starting up in Northern CA – the Hound Club of Northern CA. They are in the beginning stages of life and have held at least 1 match so far. I would encourage all Borzoi folk in Region 4 to help support this new club. It will be nice to have a hound show available in Northern CA.
  - The weather in Region 4 this winter has been epic – snow levels in the Sierra Nevada topped previous records for many of the measurements at ski areas and elsewhere. While this is good for filling reservoirs, it may also result in flooding for some areas. I hope borzoi folks in the area are not adversely affected.
  - Long-time member, Jean Brauner, passed away. I do not have any details at this time. Barb Binder has her daughter's number, and will be giving her a call.

**REGION 5 – Kristina Terra**

February and March are slow months for dog shows or coursing here in the Pacific Northwest and is still cold in Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming. The weather has been dreary and most of us have been enjoying mostly staying indoors, sitting by the fire, and petting our Borzoi.

I have sent out several communications and reminders to the members in region 5. In February and March, I have gotten in touch with several BCOA lifetime members from Region 5 to make sure their information in the Membership Booklet is current. I have talked to several lifetime members over the phone or through messaging apps and provided them with instructions on how to fill out the form on the BCOA website. I have forwarded several communications to club members about paying dues and any late fees.

The 2024 BCOA National facilities' coordinator, Hillary Tregillus, the two BCOA show chairs, and I have had discussions about the host hotel, National logo, and presentation at the 2023 National. A Pacific Northwest artist has been sourced by Hillary and approved by the BCOA board. Now the real work begins!

#### **REGION 6 –Kim Horn Janek**

- I participated in the all three portions of the Winter, 2023 BCOA Board meeting as well as the special meeting which was called on April 12, 2023.
- I received three emails and three phone calls from Region 6 members regarding the CHIC discussion. One email expressed concern about how the Board handled the situation while the other five were in full support of what we did.
- I worked with BCOA Treasurer, L. Hoflin to update the renewals and life memberships. As of the deadline of March 1, 2023, only one Region 6 Life member could not be located.
- I have sent several emails to my region, relaying the most recent Specialty information, updating them on the status of the survey and when they could expect results. I also requested that Region 6 Members contact me with any items they might wish to have included on the agenda for the April 27, 2023 Annual Membership Meeting. I did not receive anything from my region.
- I attended a Lure Coursing trial in Yellow Springs, Ohio. I spoke with several BCOA members and introduced myself to a potential member that resides in Illinois.
- I received an email from a Region 6 Member discussing the need for Auscultation in conjunction with Echocardiograms. With her approval, I forwarded her letter to the Board. Ginger Jones, acting in her role as Health Committee Chair, responded.
- I have been working with Helen Lee, Barbara Danieli, Betsy Tolley, Rhonda Robins, Shirley McFadden, Joyce Law and Lyn Hoflin on 2023 National Specialty issues and firming up details with Kristina Terra for the 2024 Specialty. These will be highlighted in my Committee Report.