STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR : 4/3/2023

1. AKC Gazette – Kristina Terra

The AKC Gazette May issue is about to come out and the August issue deadline is fast approaching. I have two articles in the works. One is a completed article and the other one is an outline for an article on the National specialty. I am hoping to publish the article on the National specialty first.

- 2. Annual Awards Justine Spiers
 - Working with information received from Nancy Katsarelas on this year's awards. The shop is actively doing the plaques.
- 3. Annual Top 5 Awards Stuart McGraw
 - Top 5 rosettes are all set and will travel to the show with me.
- 4. Annual Versatility Award & Hall of Fame Kay Novotny

Reporting year: 2023

I would like to report that 1 dog has been submitted for a life-time achievement versatility award. The dog is:

 CH MACH2 Hemlock Hollow's Journey To Rule Sixty-two BN RN FDC JC MXG MJG MXP3 MXPB MJP2 MJPB DJ DN CGCA CGCU TKA ATT, Owners Lou Avant and Colleen Allen. Breeders, Chris Danker and Lorrie Scott.

Lou tells me that Whimsey is now retired, and living the life of a treasured pet.

Congratulations to this dog and her owners for their lifetime achievements in many disciplines!

- 5. ASFA Delegate Susan Van de Water
 - The annual ACOD is March 18-19. I will attend, but I need to have the registration form signed off by a club officer. The registration and payment must be received by ASFA by February 26.
- 6. Bev Taylor Trust Barbara O'Neill

The April 5, 2023 meeting of the BCOA-BTRC was called to order by Chair Barbara O'Neill at 7:30pm EDT with the following BCOA-BTRC members present: Barbara O'Neill, Ron Williams, Joyce Katona, Shen Smith & Betsy Tolley. Support staff in attendance: Financial Advisors Karen Denning & Kelly Brunarski, and Rescue Advisor Dee Jones. Also present was incoming BCOA-BTRC member Virginia Jones.

<u>Minutes of January 30, 2023</u> A question was addressed to Parliamentarian Betsy Tolley regarding the need to approve the budget meeting minutes of January 30th as they have already been reviewed and approve by the BCOA BoD. Betsy responded that even though the minutes have been approved by the BCOA BoD they should also be approved by the BTRC as there could have been additions/corrections to those minutes. A motion was made by <u>Betsy Tolley</u>, 2nd by <u>Joyce Katona</u> to approve the minutes of January 30th as published. <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>

Schwab Rescue Account Re-investments: Barbara O'Neill stated the purpose of this meeting was to discuss and determine a path toward reducing and safely reinvesting a large amount of cash on hand over the FDIC ceiling of \$250k. Financial advisors Kelly Date Issued: 4-1-23 Date Revised: 4-19-23

Brunarski & Karen Denning notified the BTRC that Schwab Bank was in possible danger of being over extended and it would be wise at this time to reduce the amount of cash held by the Schwab Bank down to figures below the FDIC ceiling. Discussion resulted in a decision to spread out the cash into short term certificates of deposit and some treasury securities. A question was asked by Barbara O'Neill if the BTRC still needed to retain \$25k in reserve in case of a very large rescue event. Pointed out was the fact that any of the investments could be easily sold if a large amount of funds were to be needed and it is more important right now in this economy for all of the cash to be invested and earning interest & dividends toward future distributions. Shen reminded the BTRC that the reserved \$25k had been authorized for immediate release if needed and already had distribution approval from the BCOA BoD to expedite release guickly. Following further discussion as it is no longer necessary to retain \$25k a motion was made by Ron Williams, 2nd by Betsy Tolley to remove the BTRC Standing Rule which references the keeping of funds liquid, and then to authorize the reinvestment of all cash into a mix of short term bank certificates of deposit, corporate bonds & treasury securities in ResAccts #1 & #2, except for \$25k in the ResAcct #1 & \$20k in ResAcct #2. MOTION CARRIED (By Roll Call Vote). A motion by Shen Smith, 2nd by Joyce Katona to reinvest all incoming interest, dividends and maturing investments into certificates of deposit, corporate bonds or treasury securities as soon as possible and to not allow a build up of cash over \$250k. MOTION CARRIED (By Roll Call Vote).

Ron Williams asked about the BTRC annual report to the membership for the annual membership meeting. Shen indicated the membership will be advised about the reasoning for retaining cash this past year and the reason that all the accumulated cash needs to drop below the FDIC \$250k ceiling and be immediately invested out among a variety of FDIC banks. She said as soon as the cash is invested, the minutes of this meeting finished she will draft a report for the membership. Betsey will provide the mailing address for the reports to be sent directly to the specialty hotel. A copy of the membership report will be provided to the BTRC prior to it being printed.

Ron thanked Kelly & Karen for bring the cash overage to the attention of the BCOA-BTRC and providing their analysis and solutions for mitigating the potential problem. As there was nothing remaining on the agenda, a motion was made by <u>Shen Smith</u>, 2nd by <u>Ron</u> <u>Williams</u> to adjourn. <u>MOTION CARRIED</u>. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

- 7. BCOA Shop Gary Gideon
 - I am pleased to say the Bonfire sales amount is \$1433.59 with 156 products sold. Has
 the BCOA board given any thought on how to reduce the inventory of Texas sales
 merchandise from the pod? I know right now it is not a major concern. But, when
 people go to open the pod for the next national, it will be. My suggestion is to give a
 Texas item free to anyone that has bought a Bonfire item this year at the National. Your
 thoughts and ideas on this.
 - UPDATE: The Bonfire sales have reached \$1470.77 with 161 sold. We have switched to on demand ordering with less profits but faster shipping times. The store will be available online until we decide to stop selling. I will continue to monitor the site.
- 8. Canine Ambassador Emily Killian

I am working toward reviving the Canine Ambassador program for BCOA. We previously had a Facebook group that Susanne Cecere ran. That group has not been active since the COVID-19

pandemic, as many people had to put pet therapy and other visits on hold. I have posted in the group that we're becoming active again and have shared it in the Groups.io email group. I've also looked into the formal requirements for being an AKC Canine Ambassador and reviewed other materials available through the AKC so I can speak with interested individuals.

Here are the main points of the message that went out regarding goals:

• First and foremost, revive the group! As you go on visits with your borzoi, feel free to share photos and stories on the Facebook group page

at https://www.facebook.com/groups/764613730592257.

- Bring awareness to borzois as therapy dogs and as canine ambassadors.
- Get more owners to pursue the Canine Good Citizen (CGC) title so they are eligible to do formal AKC Canine Ambassador visits with children.

Get more people registered to participate in the official Canine Ambassadors program with AKC (very specific requirements that include a CGC).

Encourage more people to volunteer and get certified as pet therapy teams.

• I'd love to hear your ideas on how we can get active again and how we can recruit more folks, now that the pandemic is moving into the rear view mirror. Please feel free to share in the Facebook group, PM me on social media, email me at emilykillian0907@gmail.com, or call 828-569-9575. I'll also be at the National in Virginia Beach, so if you want to meet in person, I'll be around!

9. Club Inventory & Medals – Barbara O'Neill

Below are all clubs in blue that have been updated and medallions are ready for shipping.

13 Clubs:

January - Lone Star Borzoi Club – <mark>2023</mark> Sent (D. Rogstad)		
April - Potomac Valley Borzoi Club – <mark>2023</mark> Sent (R. McCartin)		
April – Borzoi Club of California – <mark>2023 Sent</mark> (G. Little))		
May – Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley – <mark>2023</mark> Sent (A. Duncan)		
May - Borzoi Club of Greater <u>New York – <mark>2023</mark> Sent (E. Szymanski</u>)	
May - Midwest Borzoi Club – <mark>2023</mark> S <mark>ent</mark> (A. Midgarden)		
May - Potomac Valley Borzoi Club – <mark>2023</mark> Sent (R. McCartin)		
May – Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club – <mark>2023</mark> Sent (L. Abordo)		
June - Borzoi Club of Northern California – <mark>2023</mark> (M. Stachon)		
July - Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club x 2 – <mark>2023</mark> (J. Law)		
August - Greater Twin Cities Bor <u>zoi C</u> lub x 2 – <mark>2023</mark> (M. Janning)		
August - Midwest Borzoi Club – <mark>2023</mark> (D. Bilak)		
September - Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club — <mark>2023</mark> (J. Law)		
September - Puget Sound Borzoi Club x 2 – <mark>2023</mark> (P. Anderson)		
September - Midwest Borzoi Club – <mark>2022</mark> (A. Balthrop)		
September - Borzoi Club of Central New Jersey – <mark>2023</mark> (K. Spey)		
October - Lone Star Borzoi Club x 2 – <mark>2022</mark> (G. Gideon)		
October - Borzoi Club of Greater Omaha x 2 – <mark>2023</mark> (C. Dumaine)		
October - Borzoi Club of Northern California – 2022 (M. Stachon)		

October – Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club – 2022 (L. Abordo) November - Potomac Valley Borzoi Club – (R. McCartin)

10. Futurity Event – Cindi Gredys

All 9 trophies are ready for presentation at the 2023 Futurity. I've sent receipts to BCOA Treasurer, a total of \$326.24 was spent for items and supplies.

All trophies have etched glass or mirror with an original design borzoi profile.

Best in Futurity - large mirrored serving tray and 4 wine glasses. Apron and tea towel with borzoi motif.

Best Opposite in Futurity and Breeder of Best in Futurity – Large serving tray and 2 wine glasses, apron and teat towel.

Stud Dog and Brood Bitch – Small serving tray, 2 wine glasses, and apron. Junior and Senior Dogs and Bitches – Class pitcher and small vase.

This year I was not needed for input on the menu.

I am submitting a suggestion that the board reconsider this committee position and element it. The show chair and co-chair (steward) are picking the menu, contacting the judge, and could send out a request for anyone to make or donate the prizes. They are both present and capable of displaying the prizes since they do all the ribbons and trophies anyway. Or a board member that is present could be there to do it or help. It's not a big job and seems redundant and inefficient to have another body there. I probably will not be attending the national in Washington in 2024 and though I am a huge supporter of the Futurity Event and I hope it will continue in the future, this will be my last year chairing the event. Thank you for the privilege.

11. Futurity – Lydia Pruett

• 2023 Futurity: 25 Bit

25 Bitches nominated22 Litters nominated79 Puppies nominated

- 57 Puppy maintained eligibility
- Brood Bitch entries 5
- Stud Dog entries 1

Thank you to Rebecca Neal for helping calculate the prize envelope breakdowns and formatting the catalog. I will need a tutorial from her to do this in the future as I don't have enough experience using the Excel formulas that were programmed in order to complete these tasks. I updated the catalog details and sent to Helen. The prize envelope breakdowns (and explanation of the percentages) were sent to Kim, Barbara and Lyn.

A summary of the 2023 income and expenses is included below. Date Issued: 4-1-23 Date Revised: 4-19-23

Income		
1,200.00	Total Puppy Fees	
125.00	Total Bitch Fees	
220.00	Total Litter Fees	
1,545.00	Total Bitch, Litter, and Puppy Fees	
55.00	Total Late Fees (for Futurity Expenses)	
1,600.00	Total Collected	
Expenses		
78.00	BIF (5% of \$1,545; rounded up)	
39.00	BOSF (2.5%; rounded up)	
479.00	Club Share (25% - \$386.25 plus unawarded prizes and late fees)	
1,004.00	Cash Prizes (67.5% rounded to nearest whole dollar less amounts for prizes not awarded [i.e., less than 4 puppies entered in a class])	
\$1,600.00	Total	

- 2024 Futurity (to date):
- Bitches nominated 12 (1 has withdrawn)
- Litters nominated 9 (1 has withdrawn)
 Puppies nominated 19 (not including those from 2023 that may continue to be eligible)
- 12. Health Virginia Jones

Request the removal of website links to sale items that do not go through BCOA or directly to BCOA.

13. Judges Education – Patti Neale

Since the winter report...

American Dog Show Judges group conducted an Advanced Institute in Louisville in March, featuring the sighthounds. Borzoi seminar and workshop was held on Saturday morning. Once again, we will need volunteers to bring dogs for the workshop. The hands on workshop was successful due to the efforts of the volunteers who brought 5 dogs for the student judges to practice on. Many thanks to Gale Snoddy, EB Mayer, Allie Perry, Megan Anderson and Katie O'Neill for bringing dogs.

Only two students for the national judges study group this year.

14. Junior Showmanship – Barbara Tyler Lord

Sent the 2022 Top Junior Names for the Annual Award and Top 5

15. Legislative Issues – Lyn Hoflin

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

February 1, 2023

Hawaii - Hawaii Senate Bill 612 seeks to require that sellers or providers of emotional support animals (ESAs), and sellers or providers of certificates, identifications, tags, vests, leashes, and harnesses for ESAs, provide a disclaimer that an ESA is not a service animal under state law.

Nationwide - United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA APHIS) announced that its Animal Welfare Inspection Guide was amended in late December 2022 to ensure consistency across guiding regulatory documents and to align with the congressional directive to discontinue the use of "teachable moments" during inspections.

Washington - AKC continues to monitor several bills impacting dog owners in Washington state. AKC GR will continue to provide individual updates and alerts when necessary.

Oregon - a proposed Oregon Constitutional amendment that would declare constitutional right to fish, hunt or harvest wildlife or gather wild foods, subject to certain legal restrictions will be heard in the Oregon House Rules Committee.

February 14, 2023

Illinois - Illinois House Committee will consider a bill that would provide a legal advocate in court for a dog or cat in legal cases involving the health, safety, or an injury of a dog or cat.

Minnesota - Two Minnesota bills that seek to protect the rights of tenants who own dogs will be heard by the House Finance and Policy Committee on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. House File 758 seeks to prohibit landlords from encouraging or requiring tenants to declaw or devocalize an animal; while, among other provisions, House File 831 would prohibit certain housing developments from imposing breed-specific or weight-based dog ownership restrictions on tenants.

Washington – Several bills upcoming for review in the Washington State legislature

Oklahoma – The Oklahoma Senate Committee on Agriculture and Rural Affairs unanimously passed Senate Bill 349, which makes positive changes to breeder reporting requirements.

Connecticut – the General Assembly is considering a bill that would prohibit homeowners' insurance and renters' insurance policies from discriminating based on harboring or owning any dog of a specific breed or mixture of breeds.

Utah -On February 9, 2023, the Utah House Business and Labor Committee decided to table a bill regulating all breeders, pending further discussion and amendments.

February 15, 2023

New Jersey - New Jersey Senate Bill 1803, which seeks to prohibit declawing procedures from being performed on cats and other animals unless deemed necessary for a therapeutic purpose by a licensed veterinarian, has been moved to the Senate Economic Growth Committee.

February 17, 2023

On February 21, an Illinois committee is considering a bill that would prohibit homeowner's and renter's insurance providers from refusing or cancelling coverage or increasing premiums based solely on the breed of dog owned by the policy holder.

February 19, 2023

Illinois - A bill scheduled for consideration on Wednesday, February 22, would allow for a person to face forfeiture of their animals for virtually any violation of state law regarding the care of animals, even without a conviction.

South Carolina - Wednesday, February 22, 2022, the South Carolina Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee is scheduled to take action on a very problematic bill that would trample the due process rights of animal owners.

February 22, 2023

Washington – Notice sent regarding 5 pieces of legislation impacting owners and breeders are pending in Washington.

Utah - The Utah House of Representatives recently passed a bill regulating certain breeders in the state. The current version contains many amendments requested by the AKC.

February 24, 2023

The Connecticut Joint Environment Committee's public hearing agenda for Monday, February 27, 2023, includes SB 1069. In addition to a handful of provisions under the oversight of the Department of Agriculture, the bill includes significant changes to current kennel license rules.

February 27, 2023

Illinois - On Tuesday, February 28, two Illinois House committees will consider bills related to dogs and dog ownership.

March 3, 2023

Washington - AKC continues to monitor several bills impacting dog owners in Washington state. Below are the latest updates, along with contact information if you wish to comment on any of these measures.

March 4, 2023

Illinois - On Tuesday, March 7, a number of bills are scheduled for hearings in Illinois impacting dog owners and all who breed dogs. This includes a bill establishing mandatory genetic testing and sterilization of dogs with "genetic defects", among other issues.

March 5, 2023

California - AKC is monitoring several bills impacting dog owners in California. Below are a few highlights. To see the complete list visit the AKC legislative action center at www.akcgr.org and/or the AKC legislative tracker. AKC

Government Relations (AKC GR) will continue to provide updates and alerts on these and other bills that could impact you.

March 6, 2023

Maine - March 15, 2023, the Maine Committee on the Judiciary will accept public testimony on LD 888, to Allow Use of Courthouse Facility Dogs by Criminal Justice Agencies for Criminal Justice Purposes.

March 8, 2023

Florida - Several extremely overreaching and punitive dog breeder bills have been filed in Florida. Senate Bill 1492 and House Bill 1581 define any unsterilized female dog over the age of 6 months as a "breeding female" and would require her owner to register with the state as a "breeder," pay significant fees, and be inspected by the state or by any person or non-governmental organization selected for that purpose.

March 9, 2023

South Carolina - March 9, 2023, the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee is scheduled to vote on Senate Bill 456, a bill that would trample the due process rights of animal owners.

March 10, 2023

Tennessee - Two bills that would criminalize safe and effective dog care practices are scheduled to be voted on in Tennessee legislative committees on March 13 and 14.

Colorado - Lafayette City Council is considering an ordinance that would ban any sale of dogs or cats where a profit is made.

March 13, 2023

Minnesota - Two dog-related bills in Minnesota have been scheduled for consideration by the House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee this week.

March 18, 2023

North Carolina - Tuesday (March 21), a North Carolina committee will consider a bill to end "pet leasing" in the state.

Texas - House Bill 2238 will require anyone who owns 5 or more intact female dogs over 6 months of age to become a state licensed dog breeder – even if they never breed a litter or sell a single dog.

March 21,2023

Colorado - The Lafayette, Colorado, City Council is discussing a proposal tomorrow (Tuesday, March 21) that would ban the sale of all dogs in the city – including private sales.

New Jersey - The New Jersey Assembly Agriculture and Food Safety is scheduled to consider two bills this week that raise constitutional concerns for dog owners.

South Carolina - On Wednesday, March 22, 2023, the South Carolina Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee is scheduled to again vote on Senate Bill 456, a bill that would trample the due process rights of animal owners.

Kansas - A Kansas House committee is considering a bill on Wednesday (March 22) that would significantly broaden when an animal may be seized from an owner and potentially cause someone to lose their animals even if found innocent.

Arkansas - The American Kennel Club has just learned that the Fort Smith Board of Directors will consider proposed revisions to the city's animal ordinance March 21, 2023.

March 22, 2023

Illinois - An Illinois committee is expected to consider a bill tomorrow (Wednesday, March 22), that would allow for a person to face forfeiture of their animals for virtually any violation of state law regarding the care of animals.

March 25, 2023

Florida - March 27, 2023, the Florida House Civil Justice Subcommittee is scheduled to consider a new "Lawyers for Animals" bill, House Bill 989.

Texas - A Texas Senate Committee has scheduled a public hearing on Tuesday, March 28 on Senate Bill 876 which will require anyone who owns 5 or more intact female dogs over 6 months of age to become a state licensed dog breeder – even if they never breed a litter or sell a single dog.

March 28, 2023

Deleware - March 29, a Delaware committee will consider a bill prohibiting dogs from barking continuously for more than 15 minutes, or more than 30 minutes total in a day, with very few exceptions.

April 1, 2023

Texas - Senate Bill 876 was heard yesterday in the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice. The bill was left pending in the committee after several senators expressed concern and urged the sponsor to work with AKC to find some common ground

Massachusetts - At its upcoming hearing on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, from 1PM – 5PM, the Massachusetts Joint Judiciary Committee will consider multiple dog-related bills

April 6, 2023

Washington - House Bill 1234 sits before the Senate Rules Committee; having already passed the House of Representatives. This bill expands the reasons allowed for seizing an owner's animals in suspected cruelty cases and doesn't guarantee their return in the event the accused is found innocent.

April 11, 2023

Texas - A Texas Senate Committee held a public hearing on Tuesday, March 28 on Senate Bill 876 which will require anyone who owns 5 or more intact female dogs over 6 months of age to become a state licensed dog breeder – even if they never breed a litter or sell a single dog.

April 12, 2023

Washington - AKC continues to monitor several bills impacting dog owners in Washington state.

Oregon - AKC continues to monitor several bills impacting dog owners in Oregon.

April 13, 2023

California - April 19, the Kern County Animal Services Commission are considering a proposed ordinance that seeks to institute mandatory spay/neuter in Kern County.

- 16. Meet the Breeds (NYC) Ron Williams
 - NYC 1/28 1/29
 - CHICAGO, IL: JULY 7, 2023
 - COLUMBUS, OH: AUGUST 21, 2023 Gale Snoddy?
- 17. Members Education Prudence Hlatky

2023 National Specialty presentations Two stellar presentations are scheduled: **Shelia Goffe** of the AKC Government Relation Dept will give an overview of regulatory issues facing Borzoi breeders.

Patti Neale Chair BCOA JEC will preview the current BCOA slide show given to judges aspiring to become licensed Borzoi judges.

As the BCOA's Delegate I get frequent updates from the Parent Club Breeder's Development Committee.

The goal of this Delegate Committee is to work with AKC, Parent Clubs, and breeders in the development and dissemination of resources, information, and programs that help and encourage the responsible breeding of purebred dogs.

The AKC and Delegate Committee are still working on the Suggested Guidelines for Establishing a Breeder Education Coordinator. It's expected to be completed by May 1, 2023, and presented at the June Delegate meeting.

The information I receive from the Committee is passed on to the BCOA Regional Governors, BCOA Board and BCOA membership.

- 18. National Specialty Kim Horn-Janek
 - 2023 Virginia Beach

 Our 2023 Facility Chair, Betsy Tolley, continues to work tirelessly on the 2023 National Specialty at Founders Inn in Virginia Beach, VA.

Here are a few of the areas I have been involved with:

- Although we were very concerned that we would not make our contracted room nights, I am pleased to report that we far exceeded our expectations. At last count we hit 573, well above the 501 contracted.
- With BCOA Webmistress, H. Lee, we were able to get all four Premiums proofed and loaded on to the website. The online entries seem to cause some exhibitors issues. Even at this late date I was just notified that an entry was incorrect. They entered their dog online as a "dog", not a "bitch". A quick reprint to both Judge's sheets will take care of that but the catalog will have at least one error. H. Lee and I have discussed including a checklist that they can complete before they submit their online entry.
- Joyce Law, Trophy Chair, has worked her magic and used her contacts to have new, more impressive ribbons for our Top Awards. She worked with Premier Ribbons to fabricate our Best of Breed, Best of Winners, Best of Opposite Sex, Select Dog and Bitch, NOHS Best of Breed, Best Puppy, Best Veteran, Best Bred-By Exhibitor, Winners Dog and Bitch, Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch, High Scoring Dog in Trial and all Award of Merit ribbons. Hodges Badges will be fabricating the balance of our ribbons.

- Received an email from Futurity Secretary, Lydia Pruitt, advising me of the 2023 Futurity Judge. A contract was sent to Karen (Cricket) Murray for her signature of acceptance.
- I worked with B. Tolley and B. Danieli on fund-raising raffles. We had a wonderful, one-of-a-kind Prairie Dog Pottery Totem that we had planned on raffling off but did not receive enough interest. The money was refunded to the three individuals and we will attempt to auction it off in Virginia Beach. Because of the lack of interest, we made the executive decision to do no further raffles for this year's specialty.
- I worked with Richard Seeno of Picalo Software to ensure we had a show program that would fulfill our needs. He went above and beyond to get me to the point where I could input entries (even with some of our non-regular classes). This is a beta program and it was absolutely no cost to BCOA. There were a few kinks but H. Lee and I plan on working together in Virginia Beach to see if we can make the catalog easier to complete once entries close.
- H. Lee completed the catalog advertising and the file was sent to Odette at MSI Graphics. The turn-around time was fantastic and the catalogs are on their way to Virginia Beach as I write this.
- Judge's gifts and trophies for Puppy Sweepstakes have been shipped.
 B. Tolley enlisted her stepdaughter to make special laser engraved logo trophies for Lure Coursing BOBs, DCh Stakes, Best Puppy, Best Veteran, Best BBE and NOHS. The pictures look fabulous and I can't wait to see them in person.
- Gary Gideon and Shirley McFadden spearheaded the Specialty Sales Committee. By using Bonfire we were able to eliminate the need to pack up and then ship out the silk screened items from Virginia Beach. Betsy Tolley worked with her local company for the embroidered items. Those items were shipped directly to the show site and will be available for pick up when the exhibitors arrive next week.
- Not everything has gone without issue. We downsized the grooming tent and electrical bank due to a less than enthusiastic response but it will save us some money. At last count we had ten vendors that will attend, including repeat vendors that love our National. And as I type, the POD is somewhere between Garland, TX and Virginia Beach, Virginia. Fingers crossed that it arrives on Friday, April 21, as originally scheduled.
- 2024 Olympia, WA

19. Registry of Merit – KC Artley

- Should BCOA award any ROM points for the new NOFCA titles, and if so, how much? (See New Business)
- 4 ROM applications.

Male

GCHS Greyaven Fall of Night @Russian SC CA FCAT DEA DMX2 ROM-C, submitted by Karen Haberkown Get:

GCH Russian Sapphyre Rhyme Or Reason

CH Russian Sapphyre Rhythm Of The Night

CH Russian Dark Side Of The Moon

CH Russian Dark 'N Stormy Night

GCH Russian Sapphyre Mistress Of The Dark

CH Russian When The Moon Turns Full

CH Russian Sapphyre Dark Crystal

CH Russian Angel In The Dark Lit Moon

GCHB Russian Sapphyre Reflection Of Gold

CH Russian Sapphyre Raven's Prophecy

(10 get with titles, 105 points all in conformation) *****

Female

GCHG Crown Jewel Tatiana ROM-C, submitted by Jean Durdin Offspring

GCHB Crown Jewel Katarina Of Majenkir

GCHG Crown Jewel Princess Eugenia Of Majenkir

GCH Crown Jewel Zhivago Of Majenkir

GCHG Crown Jewel Valentina Of Majenkir

(4 offspring with titles, 55 points)

Female

GCHG Crown Jewel Valentina of Majenkir ROM-C, submitted by Jean Durdin Offspring

CH Crown Jewel Alexei Of Majenkir

Ch Crown Jewel Katya Of Majenkir At Avalyn

Ch Crown Jewel Otrava Of Majenkir

CH Crown Jewel Annikara Of Majenkir

CH Crown Jewel Alexei Of Majenkir

(5 offspring with titles, 50 points, all in conformation)

Female, GCH DC Oxota Avalon Switchblade RN SC CGC TKN FCH ROMX (from a ROM), submitted by Leo Abordo

Offspring:

FC Oxota Molodezovna Saiph RN (7 points)

GCH Oxota Molodezovich Betelgeux (12 points)

CH Riverrun Oxota Ket Runtuff RN (12 points)

Oxota Molodezovna Trapezium AXJ (10 points)

CH Oxota Molodezovna Manika (10 points)

Oxota Riverrun Khatanga Runtuff RN (2 points)

CH Riverrun Oxota Kirenga Run Tuff (10 points)

CH Riverrun Oxota Kashinka Runtuff RN (12 points)

CH Oxota Molodezovich Mintaka RN (12 points)

Oxota Molodezovna Hatsya FCH (5 points)

CH Oxota Molodezovich Osiris (10 points)

(11 offspring with titles, 102 total points, 30 points in performance, 72 points in conformation)

20. Specialty Guidelines – Kim Horn-Janek

Report of the Specialty Guidelines Chair for April 23, 2023 Barbara Danieli has located a Specialty Guide for a National Breed Club that we will be using as a template for our updated Specialty Guidelines. We will be working on it after this year's National and hope to have a draft ready for the Board's Summer Meeting. We will include details regarding suppliers, contract negotiations and facility needs, as well as more realistic budgets for the various areas that make up the many aspects that go into planning and implementing a National Specialty. More details will be forthcoming.

- 21. Standing Rules Shirley McFadden
 - A Special Meeting needs to be scheduled to figure out how to address updating the standing rules with any changes we made since last summer.
 - Foreign membership SR needs an update. Prudence. *There have been some discussion regarding deleting MMB7 from the SR*