

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR : 8/7/2023

1. AKC Gazette – Kristina Terra  
The AKC Gazette August issue has just come out on the Gazette website. This issue features the Borzoi Column on the 2023 BCOA National entitled “Beauty, Brains, and Speed Win at the National”. The November 2023 Article has been submitted and has to do with Borzoi necks. The next article is in the works!
2. Annual Awards – Pam Leichtnam  
All the plaques will be done next week! I copied Lyn on the invoice. I am hoping to ship within these two weeks. Once the check is sent to me I will take it to the trophy business. Then I will start shipping.
3. Annual Top 5 Awards – TBD
4. Annual Versatility Award & Hall of Fame – Kay Novotny  
Please note that I am asking for board approval to update the versatility points for award points for Select Dog and Select Bitch, since we give points for Award of Merit, and the Select wins are arguably more prestigious.  
I am also asking for suggestions of someone with whom to discuss awarding points for dock diving titles. I am not an expert in this pursuit, and would need some advice.

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I received a request to update the point tabulation for versatility to include points for the Select Dog and Select Bitch placements, especially since we are offering points for Award of Merit, and the Select wins are arguably more prestigious.

The current conformation section of the point table says:

National Specialty BOB: 5 points

National Specialty BOS: 4.75 points (4 and three-quarters points)

National Specialty Award of Merit: 4 points

Regional Specialty Best of Breed: 1 point

Regional Specialty Best of Opposite Sex: 0.75 point (three-quarters of a point)

Regional Specialty Award of Merit: 0.5 point (one-half of a point)

Best of Breed: 0.1 (one-tenth of a point)

Best of Opposite Sex: 0.05 (one-twentyish of a point)

All-Breed Best in Show: 5 points

All-Breed Group 1: 4 points

All-Breed Group 2: 3 points

All-Breed Group 3: 2 points

All-Breed Group 4: 1 point

(does not include Best in Show and group placements for NOHS and for Hound club shows )

I would like to have board approval to change the conformation point table to say (new parts in **RED**)

National Specialty BOB: 5 points

National Specialty BOS: 4.75 points (4 and three-quarters points)

**National Specialty Select Dog or Select Bitch 4.5 points**

National Specialty Award of Merit: 4 points

Regional Specialty Best of Breed: 1 point

Regional Specialty Best of Opposite Sex: 0.75 point (three-quarters of a point)

**Regional Specialty Select Dog or Select Bitch .60 point**

Regional Specialty Award of Merit: 0.5 point (one-half of a point)

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I was also asked to look into offering points for dock-diving titles. I responded that I was fine with looking into it, but I do not know enough about the sport to determine what was appropriate for point amounts. I asked the respondent to suggest someone who might be expert enough. If the board is aware of someone who might be a good resource, please let me know.

5. BCOA Archivist – KC Artley

Nothing to Report

6. Bev Taylor Trust – Barbara O’Neill

Greetings BCOA-BTRC, BCOA Board of Directors and the Support Staff,

Just to update everyone with a quick report on the “State of the BCOA-BTRC Schwab Accounts” since the 1st Quarter report of 2023. Attach for your review are the 2nd Quarter Schwab statements for RescAcct#1 & #2 zipped for your files. At this point in time (through the 2nd Quarter of 2023) there have not been many improvements in the economy in fact with the Feds planning more interest rate hikes this September the economy will still be declining at a serious rate. The 2022 year was one of learning for the BTRC on how to exist and still accrue income in markets that did nothing but decline. There was earned meager income in 2022 and the BCOA-BTRC was able to disburse \$5000.00 to rescue benefit from the \$22.000.00 net-net earned last year.

There really isn’t better news to report right now, but following the last BTRC meeting in the 1st Quarter of 2023 it was decided to split up some of the major funds retained as cash-on-hand within the two rescue accounts and to go ahead and spread some of that cash out through more investments in the certificates of deposit market and less investment into the lackluster bond markets. The CD’s purchased with the BCOA-BTRC cash-on-hand funds earlier this year are earning a nice 5+% and the fund investments (old and new) are invested only in premium rated companies and all covered by FDIC insurance. There will be a more in-depth report following the Fall/23 BCOA-BTRC Budget meeting.

Account Balances: (As Close of Market August 11, 2023)

ResAcct #1:

Cash-on-Hand	\$	45,991.52
*Inv Market Value	\$	882,317.58
Total	\$	928,309.10

ResAcct#2:

Cash-on-Hand	\$	25,537.11
*Inv Market Value	\$	155,629.37
Total	\$	181,255.48

\* Inv Market Value is never static as it rises/falls with daily market activity

Total Cash-on-Hand	\$	71,528.66
Total Inv Market Value	\$	1,109,475.61

7. BCOA Ready Borzoi – TBD
8. BCOA Shop – Gary Gideon

Our Bonfire site is still operational and has not had any sales since May. The 2023 specialty sales are still available to the club members. I would like to see the Bonfire site added to the club's web page, so members know that items are still available. I am in the process of receiving the logo files for the 2024 specialty and adding this to the site in the near future.

9. BCOA Web Site – Helen Lee
10. Borzoi Welfare – See New Business
11. Championship Medals
  - Performance & Companion – Due to personal reasons Amy Balthrop will need to step down. A replacement is needed.
12. Futurity Event –  
Kim Horn-Janek:

Cindi Gredys: Thanks to all hands that helped to prepare the ball room for the Futurity judging after the obedience trial ran a bit long. Once everything was in place trophies were displayed outside the ring and ribbons were inside. Thanks to Barbara Danieli for her excellent performance as steward and trophy dispatcher. Trophies consisted of a combination of gold trays with an original borzoi design etched in the mirror, glass w/gold decanters and mini glass w/gold vases with same borzoi etching. Grooming aprons and tea towels with borzoi design for major awards. Judge Karen (Cricket Murray) seemed to enjoy her assignment and sorted her winners in an expert manner. All attending were able to enjoy hors d'oeuvres during the break and beverages of choice.

Receipts for cost of trophies & supplies were submitted to Treasurer Lyn Hoflin and can be viewed in her report.

It's been a privilege to serve BCOA as Futurity Event chair these last 2 years. I hope this event will always be part of the BCOA national as celebrating our breeders and the future of the breed is the foundation of the club, in my opinion.

I have recommended eliminating this position to the board as there are overlaps between other positions and it would be more efficient.

If you or someone you know is interested in making/donating trophies for this event please contact Kim Janek or Barbara Danieli.

#### 13. Futurity – Lydia Pruett

- Bitches nominated – 19 (plus 1 dropped and 1 has not responded to inquiries regarding the litter nomination)
- Litters nominated – 16 (plus 1 dropped)
- Puppies nominated – 39 (27 new for 2024, 12 continuing their eligibility from 2023)
  - a. 20 additional puppies have either formally dropped their eligibility or stopped paying and have not responded to reminders

#### 14. Health – Virginia Jones

The Health Committee met in total on April 6<sup>th</sup> where we discussed each team's progress to date on the plan we reviewed at the previous meeting. All committee members were present. We spent some time clarifying the expectations of each team and established a plan for meetings with each individual team with one monthly follow up meeting with the entire team. I shared information with the Committee on the Morris Animal Foundation Grants Review Meeting that I had attended and followed up by arranging for them to be able to hear the recordings from the 2-day event and forwarded the link to the recordings and the Non-Disclosure Forms that would need to be submitted prior to the link being activated for them. We also discussed the upcoming Canine Health Foundation Parent Club Conference and dates. Karla indicated that she was planning to attend in person, and I would attend virtually. Because of date conflicts, no other members were able to attend. (Notes from the conference held August 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> follow below under Research Team Update. Additionally, I've contacted Andrea Fiumefreddo of the Canine Health Foundation to schedule a follow-up meeting to discuss our research interests. I contacted Monica Henderson, AKC DNA Program Research and Development to request kits for the Genetic Diversity program to provide at the 2024 National in Olympia Washington, but the timing did not support their objectives to have all kits returned by the beginning of September of 2023. Information regarding the program was posted to the Members IO group.

- CLINIC TEAM UPDATE:

I met with the Clinic Team, Caryl Dumaine, Kristi Arnquist, DVM and Karla Smith, DVM on June 26<sup>th</sup> and we discussed plans for the clinics for the 2024 National Specialty in Olympia, Washington. The team will move forward contacting Cardiologists and Ophthalmologists in the area and determine the availability of Specialists and their fees and we will meet again once they've successfully found both or either of the Specialists. At the time of this writing, we have an Ophthalmologist, but he is only available on Friday. I would need to know if this day would be available for us to offer this clinic. If not, the team will continue to look elsewhere. We do not yet have a Cardiologist confirmed. We also discussed updating the process for the Holter Rental program on the BCOA website and Caryl will follow up with me on how this look and function on the website. We discussed providing advertising for Regional Clubs who are sponsoring a

clinic at their Specialties or large Cluster weekend shows. I sent a request to all Regional Governors to cascade this information to their membership and for the Regions to get back to me with the dates, times, locations, and prices for their clinics so that we can put these on the BCOA website and also broadcast the information on the Members IO groups. I'm currently working with Caryl on getting the Fall BCGO clinic information ready to post on the BCOA website.

- **INFORMATION TEAM UPDATE:**

Next step is to meet with the Information Team, Karen Klein, PhD and "TBD", to follow up with their ideas for reformatting the entire BCOA Health website. The complexion of the Information Team has changed with the resignation of Justine Spears. I will be looking to add members to the Information team that have website and Facebook skills to manage the development and maintenance of both. Our immediate focus will be to start constructing a well-thought-out, user-friendly website that functions seamlessly from page to page. Once this is completed, we will focus our attention on the BCOA Health Facebook page. If any member has an interest in joining this team, please feel free to contact me.

- **FUNDRAISING TEAM UPDATE:**

A meeting with the Fundraising team, Anistasia Hester, DVM, and Kristi Arnquist, DVM, will take place before the end of this month. I've provided them with some ideas and asked them to think outside the box about potential fun projects we might entertain. We need to start moving forward with projects to offset clinic and seminar expenses as well as reinforce our research funding. Setting goals for expected income and focusing on just one project at a time will help drive the team forward.

- **RESEARCH TEAM UPDATE:**

After reviewing the outline of the task provided to the team, Karen Klein, PhD, has declined her position on this additional team as she feels her work and life schedule cannot support the demands of both teams. Instead, she will focus on providing articles of research and health interest periodically for the Aristocrat publication as part of the Information Team, beginning with the Winter publication. The team now consists of Karla Smith, DVM and me but we will be utilizing input from our entire committee at our total Committee Meetings.

## 15. Health Foundations – Virginia Jones

Two items of significant importance have transpired since our first meetings:

**First:**

I had the opportunity to attend the Morris Animal Foundation Grants Review Process Meeting for Hemangiosarcoma research. It was an absolutely amazing experience to hear so many proposals being put forward by the best and brightest candidates for consideration and to learn how the process for analyzing the proposals was undertaken by the Scientific Advisory Review Board panel. For canine research, Morris Animal Foundation has prioritized their number one canine objective for this year to be a single focus in making advancements in Hemangiosarcoma research. From the list of over 36 submitted proposals, they hope to be able to select and fund 6 projects with the most impact on this cancer, and have approval for them to move forward by the last quarter of this year. More news will be forthcoming on this initiative.

**Second:**

Both Karla Smith, DVM and I attended the 3-day Canine Health Foundation Parent Club Conference the weekend of August 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. There was a total of 12 presentations provided in the categories of Immunology & Microbiome, Preventative Applications, Treatment Applications, and Progression Towards Cures. Of special interest to the Borzoi breed was the study on the Development of Genetic Tests for Sighthounds: Anesthetic Drug Sensitivity and Delayed Postoperative Hemorrhage (DEPOH) provided by Dr. Michael Court, Washington University. The 2023 Asa Mays, DVM Excellence in Canine Health Award was awarded to Dr. Gary Johnson of University of Missouri, and presented by Eddie Dziuk, OFA CEO. Dr. Johnson provided an in-depth overview of his life's work with genetic research. The news release in its entirety will be provided on the Members IO page and in the Aristocrat fall publication.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginger Jones, Health Chairman

16. Keeping In Touch – Ron Williams

I have temporarily taken over this committee. Of the 8 names passed on to me for birthday greetings, 5 of them are listed in the current Membership book.

The "Keeping in Touch" (KIT) Committee was formed in 1996. Its duties are to arrange for a list of members and longtime Borzoi people for the purpose of brightening, encouraging and cheering up those in need of BCOA support through written communications and birthday greeting cards.

I would ask the Regional Governors to reach out to their regions to inquire if there would be new names to add to the list. They will be approached by this chair to ask if they would want to be on the KIT Roster.

17. Meet the Breeds (NYC) – Ron Williams

- CHICAGO, IL: Aug 26 – 27, 2023  
Liaison = Tina Wismer
- COLUMBUS, OH: Oct 14, 2023 (Deadline to register is 8/21)  
Liaison = Gale Snoddy

I am going to send in the form for Meet The Breeds in Columbus in mid-October. I have just the bare minimum of people needed, provided everyone can actually make it. Hopefully we will be able to find a couple more people to help out.

18. Membership – Kelley Frary

Ginger and I have had several ongoing discussions to improve some past practices:

1. A comment I've heard a lot of from members is how arduous the process is to become a member. One slight improvement might be made in accepting digital signatures on applications. Digital signatures are widely accepted in contract law these days and a standard practice in the industry I work in which is real estate. My feeling is if you can sign a multi-million dollar purchase agreement electronically, there should be no reason why a membership form would need more formality with a wet signature. For many of the applications that are ready to be submitted minus a missed signature here or there,

this would speed up the process of getting the membership application across the finish line. I know this topic had been discussed some years ago, and I'm just wondering the logic behind not accepting them. For the recording secretary and membership coordinator, this would significantly reduce the labor of chasing down applications if we had the option to do this. I think it's a topic worth revisiting given the advancements we are making in technology and as the age base of our membership shifts over the next 10+ years.

2. One other way to streamline membership might be to integrate our application onto the website. Many national clubs currently are doing this one example being: <https://dpca.org/club/membership/>  
While I understand the concept behind prospective members following directions, filling out the application, waiting for readings, etc. It's a process that may disenchant younger members and seems incredibly involved in comparison to other clubs. I think streamlining the process a bit will make for a better end user experience and we can still have the same checks and balances in place with the required readings and sponsorship requirements. I think the goal should be to work towards a more cohesive-easy process and moving to a digital format would award us that and likely avoid less errors on the application that take months to get corrected. I know of a couple people who I feel would be valuable members to the club, and looked into BCOA membership, but were disenfranchised with the process so have not yet applied.
3. Membership Booklet- I'll be taking over editing of the membership booklet for Helen to make her life easier. I know it's been discussed that our policy will change at the end of the year, that if dues aren't paid by December 31, then they will not be listed as active members in the membership booklet. My thought is that I can reach out to governors around early October to send a reminder out to their constituents to ask for updates on their contact info. That way, we are getting ahead of the curve early and hopefully getting those updates earlier in the year. The goal is to have the membership booklet sent to the printer no later than January 15th and hopefully booklets printed no later than January 31st in a perfect world. Last year, I was having updates come in as late as May, so I think a hard cut off line is prudent.
4. New Members/Membership Retention: One thought I had was to try to improve new membership, it would be good to form relationships with the regional club secretaries to see if they feel comfortable sending a flyer or passing along information about BCOA membership. I would imagine if someone has interest in becoming a regional borzoi club member they may be interested in the parent club membership so it's a pretty easy, organic way to get the info out there I think. Perhaps also sending out a flyer for people to put out at their speciality might also be a great way to get interest out.
5. I'm still working on maintaining the master membership file as changes come in.

That's all I got. Thank you to the board & officers for all of your hard work :)

#### 19. National Specialty - Kim Horn-Janek

- 2024 – Olympia, WA  
Plans are underway for the National Specialty in Olympia, Washington, April 20-27, 2024. Kristina Terra has been hard at work with her team and the hotel to ensure a fun,

successful National Specialty. The hotel reservation link went live and many members have reserved their rooms for the week. Kristina has also been working with Helen Lee to get the Specialty portion of the website up and running.

Gary Gideon has started up the Bonfire site for online specialty merchandise orders. Kristina has also been in contact with a vendor that will be doing our embroidered items for 2024. The vendor sets up an online store and we receive a small stipend for every product she sells. She is also planning on attending the National where she will set up a vendor space for on-site orders.

Joyce Law will be starting her push for trophy donations. Our members have been generous in the past and we hope that will continue.

Betsy Tolley has been working with the hotel to ensure we have an adequate space for grooming and the various clinics and seminars. Ginger Jones and the health committee will notify us regarding the health clinics. Prudence Hlatky will, once again, head up Member/Fancier education.

We will have more details forthcoming.

- 2025 – Several months ago I sent out an email discussing the members’ response to finding three or four locations that we will use in rotation. I had responses from Kari McCloskey, Kay Novotny, Amy Sorbie, Betsy Tolley and Lyn Hoflin.
  - ❖ Kari has provided us with a proposal for Hunt Valley, MD
  - ❖ Kay is going to follow up on the Salt Lake City, UT site.
  - ❖ Amy reported that the suggested Colorado sites would either not be appropriate or would be cost prohibitive.
  - ❖ Betsy is awaiting two proposals, one from Kingsport, TN and one from Asheville, NC
  - ❖ Lyn has visited a site in Cheyenne, WY that shows promise.
  - ❖ I have two proposals from Lexington, KY; one from the Clarion and one from Embassy Suites.
  - ❖ I hope that we can choose one of these locations for our Fall Face-to-Face meeting.

20. Nominating Committee – Shirley McFadden

21. Parliamentarian – Betsy Tolley

I am pleased to report that I have been able to answer several questions related to the Bylaws and Standing Rules.

One question involved standing rule MMB-1: Clarification [sic], the 45 day rule for membership applications: This rule is used only in situations where the minutes with the 1st reading are not sent to the membership on a timely basis. Once the minutes are sent, the clock starts ticking. If no correspondence regarding the applicants is received within 45 days of the publication of the minutes, the membership application is approved.

This rule MMB-1 conflicts with the Bylaws Article 1, Section 4, Paragraph 2: Applicants may be elected for membership in the Club at any meeting of the Board of Directors,



and each application shall be acted upon at the first such meeting to occur after the filing of said application with the Recording Secretary and publication in the official Club minutes.

The Bylaws specify that election to membership occurs at a meeting of the Board of Directors after the filing of a complete application (i.e., said application) and publication in the minutes. There is no provision for automatic election to membership after 45 days, which is implied by MMB-1. My recommendation is that the Board rescind MMB-1 or amend MMB-1 in a manner that removes the conflict with the Bylaws.

22. Registry of Merit – KC Artley

ROM applications for August 2023 meeting

GCH Russian Batteries Not Included ROM-C submitted by Karen Haberkorn

Dam of

CH Russian Dark N Stormy Night

CH Russian Angle In The Dark Lit Moon

CH Russian Dark Side of the Moon

GCH Russian Sapphyre Mistress of the Dark

CH Russian Dark Crystal

CH Russian When th Moon Turns Full

CH Avalon Dolce Tigrecilla Willowind BN RE SC BCAT THDA CGCA CGCU TKI ROM-C,  
submitted by Sandra Moore , Dam of

CH Avalon Perlova Mhd Phantom Dream Lover

GCH DC Mhd Love Handles Avalon Perlova FCH

CH Avalon Perlova Mhd She Loves Me

GCH Avalon Perlova Mhd Sweet Fire Of Love

GCH Perlova Avalon Mhd Who Do You Love

CH Avalon Perlova Mhd Bad Case Of Lovin You

GCHB DC Avalon Oxota Cinquedea SC FCH ORC ROM-C, submitted by Sandra Moore ,  
Dam of

CH Avalon Ebedo Howffcarbonel

CH Avalon Ekarma Howffcarbonel

GCHB Howff Carbonel Evolgo Of Avalon GRC

GH Howff Carbonel Evgenii of Avalon

CH Howff Carbonel Feona

CH Howff Carbonel Firefly At Akanni

CH Howff Carbonel Natasha Fatale

23. Specialty Guidelines Kim Horn-Janek

Barbara Danieli has located a Specialty Guide from the Scottish Deerhound Club Of America which we would like to use as a template for the Borzoi Club of America. We hope to have something to present to the BCOA

Board for our Fall Face-2-Face meeting.

24. Standardize Trophies – Kim Horn-Janek

The current standardized trophies have increased in price each year and I have been informed that they will increase again next year.

Betsy Tolley, Barbara Danieli and I have been investigating new items to be used as trophies.

We will be presenting these ideas to the board at the Fall meeting.

25. Standing Rules – Shirley McFadden

- a. ELJ 1 Ballots 4/4/2011 Allow BCOA to utilize Members Only IO Group, blast emails and send 6/1/2022 USPS First Class to only members who don't have email access.  
(Prudence)