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**Houston 2014**



# Bichon Frise Club of America

## Summer Issue 2014

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October 10

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**Minutes of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of  
The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.  
MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB  
Houston, TX**

**Roll Call**

Abbott, Paula	Hendricks, Paula	Ribble, Betty
Abbott, Matt	Hart, Stephanie	Rowe PhD, Linda
Adams, Cynthia	Huddle, Virginia	Ruggles, Cecelia
Agrusa, Paula	Jamison, Janet	Savage, Betsy
Andrew, Kathy	Jones, Donna	Scarborough, Shauna
Antetomaso, Gail	Kapella, Sheryl L.	Shetzer, Alan
Ball, Wendy	Kennedy, Sheri	Shetzer, Jan
Beckham, Judy	Kovar, Kayley	Sikes, George
Blanding, Mayno	Letsche DVM, Larry	Sikes, Avaneil
Carlton, Lorrie	Mathog, Deena	Thompson, Carole
Dillon, Katherine	McDonald, Nancy	Van Keuren, Lindsay
Dorris, Patricia	McFarlane, Diana	Vogel, Kathie
Endo, Lillian	McNamara, Judy	Walters, Amy
Erickson, Daniel	Miles, Alan	Weiderhold, Janet
Feldman, Sheila	Miles, Maureen	Winkler, Mimi
Gibb, Debra	Newton, Shyla	Wise, John
Glass, Jean	Orvos-Russell, Robyn	Wise, Leanne
Hamilton, Richard	Paulson, Karen	Wotton, Myra
Hamilton, Shirley	Porvost, Marty	
Hanson, Kieth	Pritchard, Harriet	
Hanson, Sandra	Ramich, Lynn	<b>Total members present: 60</b>

The meeting was called to order by Judy McNamara, President, at the Sheraton Houston Hotel in Houston, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2014 at 1:05PM. Roll was taken with 60 members present and a quorum was declared by the Recording Secretary.

Judy reminded all that this was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club and thanked the following people for making this a memorable National.

- Champagne at our banquet was donated by Rick and Shyla Newton.
- Lillian Endo bought the cake that we enjoyed at Hospitality.
- The Houston club provided the goody bags and the centerpieces.
- At the tables tonight there will be coffee mugs to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the BFCA.

## Minutes of the 50th Annual Meeting

A few years back, when the club was in financial straits, the Board did away with the 7:30 AM working breakfast. This year Avaneil provided a continental breakfast for the board members and she was thanked on behalf of the entire attending board.

A motion by Avaneil Sikes was made to approve the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes as printed in the Summer Bulletin and was seconded and approved.

### NEW MEMBERS

The president welcomed the new The president asked each new member and their sponsor to stand as their names were called:

Amy Walters, sponsors Karen Graeber/Nita Gryan  
Angela Bellinger, sponsors Donna Jones/Mary Spruiell  
Barbara Chaffin, sponsors Lorrie Carlton/Paula Hendricks  
Rick & Debra Macias, sponsors Shirley Hamilton/Sandee Hanson  
Sid & Mollie Fletcher, sponsors Vickie Halsted/Shirley Hamilton  
Carole Thompson, sponsors Nita Gryan/Mimi Winkler  
Stephanie Toom, sponsors Kathy Andrew/Dale Hunter  
Elaine Forstall, sponsors Nita Gryan/Janet Weiderhold

### BOARD MEETING DISCUSSIONS

The following motions were adopted at the Board meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

- The BFCA shall use a Constant Contact survey tool for judges balloting. Members can still vote by mail, if they so desire.
- Venue for the 2015 National is Topeka, Kansas on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol Plaza with a room rate of \$92.00. The National will be held prior to the Sun flower Kennel Dog Shows. There will be a shuttle service (5-Guy Shuttle) which will available for entries.
- The logo for 2015 was adopted and was shown to the membership during the annual meeting. The 2015 Show Chairs will be Lillian Endo and assisted by Judy McNamara.
- The 2016 National Specialty will be held in Minneapolis pending contract approval.

## Minutes of the 50th Annual Meeting

There has been a change in the Rescue committee. Judy reported with deep regret that Lynn Ramich will step down as co-chair of the Charitable Trust after many years of service. She will be sorely missed and Lynn was thanked for her years of service and devotion to rescue. Zandra Kern will replace Lynn as co-chair with Gail Antetomaso.

The Nominating Committee for 2015-2017 is composed of:

Karen Chesbro - Chair

Mayno Blanding

Sandee Hanson

First Alternate -Stephanie Uva, second alternate - Larry Letsche

Judy announced that the Amazon partnership which was launched last year earned over \$1,000 for the BFCA.

Judy asked for feedback on the launching of Constant Contact last year for more frequent communications with the club. Generally, the members responded favorably.

The following committee reports were presented as indicated and are included in this Bulletin.

Report of the Treasurer - Lillian Endo

Report of the Health Committee—Nancy McDonald

Rescue Committee—Lynn Ramich, Matt Abbott and Gail Antetomaso

Judges Education - Lorrie Carlton (to be published In a later edition of the Bulletin)

### 2014 SPECIALTY UPDATE - Avanell Sikes

Avanell thanked all the committee members and announced that the centerpieces will be for sale for \$40.00 after the banquet. She also thanked the board for the hospitality night without cost to the members. Avanell went over the schedule of events and asked members to not allow their dogs to bark. The hotel had indicated that guests would be asked to leave otherwise.

Avanell thanked Kat Dillon and Paula Abbott for all the work that they have done for the raffle and auction.

## Minutes of the 50th Annual Meeting

AUCTION REPORT by Katherine Dillon and Paula Abbott

The Miles from Ireland were recognized and thanked for their continued support of our shows. This year they donated a signed print by an English artist, Stewart Mallard. Kat presented a **lovely print by Lorrie Carlton's mother which Kat donated to the auction. The president resumed** the meeting with the sad news that we lost Rosemarie Blood, Dorothy Hottle and Richard Beauchamp this year.

### NEW BUSINESS

The following motions were brought forward to the membership:

Larry Letsche moved to Expand and Reclassify the Sweepstakes Competition held at the **Annual Bichon Frise Club of America's National Specialty (Expand Sweepstakes from six months to twelve months to six months to eighteen months)**. This motion was seconded by Mimi Winkler. Discussion ensued and the motion was clarified.

The Sweepstakes format shall proceed as follows:

Puppy Sweepstakes Competition-The following classes will be offered for both dogs and bitches

Puppy, 6 Mos & Under 8 Mos.  
Puppy, 8 Mos & Under 10 Mos.  
Puppy 10 Mos & Under 12 Mos.

Best in Puppy Sweepstakes- The winners of the six classes will compete for Best in Puppy Sweepstakes & Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes.

Junior Sweepstakes Competition-The following classes will be offered for both dogs and bitches

Junior, 12 Mos & Under 14 Mos.  
Junior, 14 Mos. & Under 16 Mos.  
**Junior, 16 Mos. & Under 18 Mos.**

Best in Junior Sweepstakes- The winners of the six classes will compete for Best in Junior Sweepstakes & Best of Opposite Sex to Best in Sweepstakes

## Minutes of the 50th Annual Meeting

Grand Sweepstakes Winner- The winner of The Best in Puppy Sweepstakes and Best in Junior Sweepstakes will compete for Best in Grand Sweepstakes

If approved, this procedure will begin at the 2015 National Specialty.  
Motion carried.

Larry Letsche moved to Expand and Reclassify the Special Attraction-Bred-By- Competition **held at the Annual Bichon Frise Club of America's National Specialty. This motion was seconded by Deb Gibb.** The following clarification was included in discussion.

This competition will not be for points & the dog or bitch does not have to be entered in any other event. The handler in this event must be the breeder of record & an owner of record of the dog or bitch they are entering at the time entries close. Champions and Grand Champions of Record when the entries close must be shown in the proper class  
The following classes will be provided for both dogs and bitches

6Mos & Under 9 Mos 9Mos & Under 12 Mos.  
12 Mos & Under 15 Mos 15 Mos & Under 18 Mos. Open  
Champions Grand Champions

The first place winners of all 14 classes will then compete together for Special Attraction Best of Breed and Special Attraction Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. Non-regular ribbons would be given out for these classes with Rosettes for First in Each Class, Special Attraction Best of Breed & Special Attraction *Best* of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed.

If approved, this procedure will begin at the 2015 National Specialty.  
Motion was approved.

A third motion made by Larry to require publication of the annual meeting and board meeting in the Bulletin following the National was withdrawn by Larry.

A motion by Deb Gibb to use the first two winners of the judges selection for sweepstakes and bred-by-exhibitor and offer the first winner their choice of either judging sweepstakes or bred-by exhibitor. Janet Jamison seconded this motion. Motion carried.

### PRESIDENTS CLOSING REMARKS

Judy thanked all for attended and the meeting was adjourned at 2:42PM.

**BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Financial Statement Beginning May 1, 2013 and Ending April 30, 2014**

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE May 1, 2013 \$32,895.08

**INCOME:**

<b>National Specialty</b>		
2013	\$21,259.50	
2014	<u>18,294.00</u>	\$39,553.50
<b>Dues</b>		10,532.67
<b>Sales</b>		1,559.00
<b>Breeder's Directory</b>		2,680.00
<b>Application Fees</b>		225.00
<b>Amazon Sales</b>		952.86
<b>Donation from Health</b>		1,000.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		144.00
<b>Health</b>		
Auction	130.00	
Sales	377.50	
Donation	1,325.00	
Calendars	<u>13,245.48</u>	<u>15,077.98</u>

**Total Income** **71,725.01**

**EXPENSES:**

<b>National Specialty</b>		
2013	\$20,929.14	
2014	<u>11,422.96</u>	32,352.10
<b>AKC Delegate</b>		1,131.75
<b>Sales</b>		85.00
<b>PayPal</b>		235.18
<b>Insurance</b>		1,635.00
<b>Judges Education</b>		524.47
<b>Printing</b>		733.99
<b>Ads</b>		45.00
<b>Tax Return Preparation</b>		500.00
<b>FTB Tax Return</b>		10.00
<b>Secretary of State</b>		20.00
<b>Breeder Referral Telephone</b>		106.92
<b>Membership Expenses</b>		100.00
<b>Recording Secretary Expenses/Storage</b>		1,111.07
<b>Treasurer's Expense</b>		116.04
<b>AKC Flyer Fees</b>		68.61
<b>Cash Deposit Fee</b>		7.22
<b>Judges Nomination Expenses</b>		25.00
<b>AKC President's Challenge</b>		300.00
<b>Eukanuba</b>		425.25
<b>AKC Dues</b>		25.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		125.08
<b>Transfer to Savings</b>		20,000.00
<b>Bulletin Expenses</b>		732.70

## 2013/14 Annual Committee Reports

## Treasurer's Report Con't

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<b>2014 Agility Trials</b>			
Ribbons	508.77		
Facility Deposit	511.50		
AKC Fees	<u>300.00</u>	1,320.27	
<b>Health</b>			
Calendar	636.67		
Sales	460.00		
AKC CH Conf	1,132.04		
PayPal	156.40		
Charitable Trust	4,000.00		
BFCA	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>7,385.11</u>	
Total Expense			69,120.76
<b>NET GAIN</b>			<b>2,604.25</b>
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE April 30, 2014</b>			<b>\$35,499.33</b>
<b>PAYPAL BALANCE</b>			<b>500.00</b>
<b>BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE April 30, 2013</b>		\$35,122.35	
Interest Income		<u>20.30</u>	
<b>BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE April 30, 2014</b>			<b>55,142.65</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS Apri 30, 2014</b>			<b>\$91,141.98</b>

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**LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER April 30, 2014**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

Member of the American Kennel Club, Inc.

May 1, 2013 - May 1, 2014

Membership applications dropped off a bit this past year. All inquiries resulted in an actual application and all were ultimately approved for membership. The information on our website still needs to be updated and I am working on that and hope to have it completed and ready for Board approval soon.

The actual numbers are as follows:

<u>2012/2013</u>		<u>2013/2014</u>
New Members Welcomed	10	14
Applications being processed	1	3

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Chesbro  
Membership Administrator

## Sweepstakes & Special Attraction Critique—Wendy Kellerman

Hi to all the bichon exhibitors who showed at the national...

It was a honor for me to judge at the show.. I enjoyed it a lot. The dogs were in beautiful condition and showed very well. My puppy sweeps winners are very promising and with very good futures ahead of them although, I did find a lot of poor construction on fronts with a lot lacking in shoulder lay back and not enough forechest. And guys, try and use less hairspray. Coat texture is important as well. How can a judge feel it if they stick to it, sorry to say.

Thank you again all.

Wendy Kellerman / Windstar Bichons

## Judges' Critique—Toby Frisch

Our lives are made up of a few memorable events and wishes and dreams along the way. The thrill of a lifetime in judging is being asked to judge your own breeds National Specialty. Being voted by your own peers and then asked to judge the National Specialty is an extreme honor. I want to Thank ALL the people who entered their dogs under me- I felt privileged.

Judging Beginner Puppy class (4-6 months old) is a lot of fun. Watching them go around the ring for the first time and thinking someday one of them might be a Best in Show dog at a future National Specialty is exciting. They all are adorable and have great potential. My Winner- Solstice Stormbringer- **stood out like a trooper and BOS Annie's Sharpshoot'n Star wasn't far behind.**

**WINNER'S DOG-** Judges Choice Heart Beat for Bodacious- is an exciting dog to watch and judge. He has it all put together. As he matures he will be a hard dog to beat. His outline, his coat, his pretty face- **even though it doesn't say pretty in the standard-** he is pretty and Handsome, his muscle tone and his gait- he has it all together.

**RESERVE WINNER'S DOG-** High Ridge Here Comes Stanley-also a nicely put together dog.

**WINNER'S BITCH-** High Ridge Sky's the Limit with Gaylor-Loved her. She has everything you would want in a Bichon- **outline, face, coat and gait. I couldn't keep my eyes off of her.**

**RESERVE WINNER'S BITCH-** DeBeck's Believe it or Not-nice compact, small bitch- Right size for a curly hair lap dog.

**BEST OF BREED-** GCH CH Saks Winning Card- is what every judge asks for- a dog with a beautiful coat, breed type and shown to perfection. **He gaited around the ring "asking for the breed". Solid when I looked at him and he was the same when I put my hands on him. The head piece matched the breed standard. He has a nice front, right amount of neck, nice lay-back, straight topline and good rear. Amazing dog to watch and judge and couldn't deny him the breed.**

**BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX-** CH Newtine Crown of Queen-In some breeds you have to figure out is it a dog or bitch, but this bitch it is so obvious that she is a lovely pretty girl deserving of the award.

## Judges' Critique Continued

SELECT-Select dog- **CH Cher Ami's Toast with Remy Martin and Select bitch GCH CH Overtop Glory B Victoria Secret** are unforgettable examples of the Bichon Frise dogs.

AWARD OF MERIT- These dogs needed to be rewarded as they also are lovely examples of the breed.

**GCH CH Glen Leigh Gang's N Roses**  
**CH Belle Creek's All I care About is Love**  
**GCH CH Shyladawn's Timeless Beauty**

I wish I had more ribbons to give out; I felt many more needed to be recognized.

**Fact that I didn't know until the show was over, both WB and RWD were litter mates.**

Once again thanks to all the exhibitors for an exciting and wonderful entry. My ring stewards, Jean Glass and Cyndie Adams were extremely helpful. I had a wonderful time judging and again Thank You for asking me, making it a day to remember.

## Officer's Reports

## President's Report—Judy McNamara

I hope this finds you all in wonderful warm summer weather. Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was great fun and I hope you all enjoyed the cake donated by Lillian Endo, the coffee mugs by BFCA and the champagne donated by Shyla Newton. Congratulations to all of the winners! A big thank you to show chairs George and Avanel Sikes for all of their hard work and planning. To all of you who work on our show thank you so much. You are the backbone of our club. No club can succeed without you. I would also like to thank the Houston club for all of their hard work.

At the annual meeting, the club members voted to expand the Puppy Sweepstakes to include classes up to 18 months. Also, the Special Attraction Bred by Exhibitor classes will expand to include 6-9 and 9-12 puppies as well as adding a class for Grand Champions. Details will be in the Annual Meeting minutes. It was also decided to use different judges for these events, also in the Annual Meeting minutes.

Our first Agility Trial is totally full with 330 runs per day. This is a very large entry and many thanks go to Shirley Hamilton and Rick Macias for all of their hard work in putting it all together. I hope this is the first of many trials that we will have. If you have never tried agility, it is a wonderful way to put your retired champions out again with some new challenges and they do love to run.

Remember dues are due now.

Hope you all have lots of fun with your dogs this summer.

## Officer's Reports

## Secretary Report—Diana McFarlane

I hope that all of you that attended the National had a really amazing time. Thanks, Avaneil and George Sikes, for a superb specialty.

The Annual Membership dues have been sent. Please send your check today. If you have not received a dues notice, contact me at [dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com](mailto:dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com) or call me at 760-434-5730. If you use PayPal and have an address change, I would appreciate an email with the details. I have had several returns with no notice of a new address. Please send me an email with your new address and I will send you a dues notice by email.

RETURNED

Loretta McDonald

Julie Becker

Cookie Ousley

### Ballot Proposals 2014 Summer Bulletin

Board	Ballot
Member	05-14A
Antetomaso, Gail	Approved
Chesbro, Karen	Approved
Kathy Andrew	Approved
Dillon, Katherine	Approved
Endo, Lillian	Approved
Hanson, Kieth	Approved
McFarlane, Diana	Approved
McNamara, Judy	Approved
Noonan, Nancy	Approved
Scarborough, Shauna	Approved
Myra Wotton	Approved

Ballot 05-14A      The BFCA shall reassign the BOS in Sweepstakes Challenge Trophy to the BFCA Agility Trials

## Committee Reports

### AGILITY REPORT

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Our first BFCA All Breed Agility Trial is now a part of our 50 year history! We are so happy to report that it was an overwhelming success for our first time out of the chute. Our entry overfilled and even after a number of withdrawals for dog medical reasons, we still ended up with 984 entries out of a possible 990 available spots.

We had 45 volunteer workers from our amazing agility community in the Twin Cities area, so every possible job was filled and then some. **We want to give many, many thank you's** to all of our BFCA members who so generously donated to fund our High in Trial trophy and ribbon, and to our worker raffle. This made a big impression on the volunteers which in turn will make it very easy to get workers for next years trial. Also we thank Dave Hill of Apex Dog Agility, who made the weekend even more fun, by donating two agility jumps. One was used as a **"Worker Grand Raffle" prize on Sunday**--the second jump as a prize for all NQ (non-qualifying) runs for the weekend.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all of the BFCA members from the Minnesota/Wisconsin area--Myra Wotton, Kieth Hanson, Robbie Bleecker, Vickie Halstead, Rick and Deb Macias, Sid and Molly Fletcher, and Dick Hamilton--for showing up at 6:30 every morning and staying to the end to help with all committee work and clean up chores needed. **THIS TRIAL WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU!!**

Now to our amazing Bichons! We had a total of 8 Bichons, 7 of which competed in the Ex/Masters category--they put on an amazing show. We had a three day High In Trial competition just for Bichons, with a trophy and beautiful ribbon for the winner. Our winner was one **of our first BFCA "Performance Members."** Rick Macias with his Bichon MACH 2 Hamelots Misty Meadow Macias, took the honor of being our first winner. Congratulations to Rick and Misty for providing us with such amazing runs all three days!

Amy Johnson of Great Dane Photos is donating professional action shots (cropped and photoshopped by RJ Hamilton) taken of all the Bichons entered, a group photo of all Bichons entered or present along with their owners/handlers, and a photo of our High in Trial winner and judge Tim Verrelli. Look for these photos soon on the BFCA website. In addition all Bichons entered received a custom agility leash in honor of the first BFCA All Breed Agility Trial.

## Committee Reports

### Agility Continued

We are looking forward to our next trial which will be April 24, 25, 26 of 2015. We hope that we will have as much support next year as we had this year--it makes such a difference knowing that we have our National Club standing there with us! And for any members whether you run agility or not--please consider joining us next year for a really great time!

Thank you all again,  
Shirley Hamilton

### Delegate Report George Sikes

The AKC Delegate committee meetings were held June 8, 2014 and the Delegate meeting was June 9, 2014 in Newark, NJ.

May 12, 2012, AKC and the sport of purebred dogs lost a dear friend, Dr. William (Bill) Newman. Bill passed away at his home in Bedford, PA. He was an AKC Board Member and a breeder of English Mastiffs. He will be greatly missed.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Article VI, Section 5 of the Charter and By-laws of the American Kennel Club which deals with the eligibility of a Delegate. The By-laws Committee withdrew the Second Portion of the Amendment which deals with the cruelty convictions, which is already covered under AKC Policy. There was a motion to divide the question on Article VI, Section 5. Of the Charter and By-laws of the American Kennel Club. This motion failed. The proposed amendment did not receive an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Delegates, and was therefore not adopted.

Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi thanked the By-laws Subcommittee and the Committee as well as the Delegates who gave a lot of thought to the proposed amendment. She indicated that the **Committee's intent is to get more Delegate input so that it can rework the amendment with the intentions to bring it back to the Delegate body again.**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

## Committee Reports

### BFCA 2014 Raffle/Silent Auction

Paula Abbott

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for the auction and raffle which were a big success. I was very pleased with the number of items we received and the amount of money we raised.

I would also like to thank the fabulous Rick Day for helping us raffle off those donations.

**I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and don't forget, if you have items for next year that you would like to donate, please send them to me. I'm in the directory.**

Again, many thanks,  
Paula Abbott (Raffle/Auction Chair)

### Bulletin Report Shauna Scarborough

I am in need of covers for the bulletins. If you can do some sketches for me, I would truly appreciate it.

### Friendship Committee Laura Purnell

There was one sympathy card sent to Sheila Feldman upon the death of her son. If anyone has news of an illness or death concerning a member of BFCA, please let me know so I can send a card.

Thanks.  
Laura Purnell Chairman Friendship Committee

## Committee Reports

## Membership—Karen Chesbro

### Membership Report—Summer 2014

#### New Member (Sponsors)

Elaine Forstall  
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West Chester, PA 19380  
(Nita Gryan & Janet Weiderhold)

#### New Member Applicants (Sponsors)

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(Erayna Beckman & Katherine Dillon)

Becky Buckman & William Torngren  
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(Joanne Rubin & Gayle Sarner)

Lindsey Dicken  
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Altamonte Springs, FL 32714  
(Sheila Feldman & Avaneil Sikes)

Wilson Ramirez  
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(Deb Gibb & Linda Rowe)

All BFCA members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Diana McFarlane 3606 Haverhill St. *Carlsbad, CA 92008-2174* *forddi-ana@roadrunner.com* by August 12, 2014.

## Committee Reports

### Member Directory Changes July 2014

Please save the following in your biennial directory.

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## **BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST**

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### **Summer 2014**

As many of you know our very dedicated Rescue Co-Chair Lynn Ramich has stepped down and our new Co-Chair is Zandra Kern. Zandra is a new BFCA member but a seasoned volunteer with the BFCFACT and with Maryland Bichon Frise Rescue. Zandra has been our right arm in the Maryland, Virginia and DC area for several years and we are very lucky to have this very capable, dedicated gal Co-chair the Trust. I am confident you will support her efforts as you have supported Lynn and me.

We are in the process of having a new website designed for BFCFACT that will replace the present one. We are very excited and hope to have it completed in the coming weeks. We will notify the membership when we go live.

### **It seems to be raining Bichons.....**

Early last spring we had a request to take several Bichons into rescue from a very responsible breeder that could no longer care for the dogs because of a sudden and debilitating medical episode. All but two have been adopted.

Then a few weeks ago we took five female Bichons from one owner who could no longer care for the dogs. Those dogs have all been vetted and are either in adoptive homes or preparing to join new families.

Needless to say our vetting expenses have been high over the last few months. I hope our members will not forget about the Bichon Frise Charitable Trust when they pay their BFCA dues. It is never too late you can visit us at [www.bichonrescue.org](http://www.bichonrescue.org) and make a tax deductible donation using PayPal.

Last but not least, if you can volunteer for our rescue effort in any way please contact Zandra **or me.... no matter what assistance you can give it is welcome.**

Gail Antetomaso  
Rescue Co-chair, Trustee  
Zandra Kern  
Recue Co-chair



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<b>Regions Bank Balance as of December 31, 2013</b>	<b>\$35,927.96</b>
<b>Outstanding checks @ December 31, 2013 – Since cleared</b>	<b>\$ 214.27</b>
<b>Adjusted balance @ December 31, 2013</b>	<b>\$35,713.69</b>

**Regions Bank Balance as of June 30, 2014      \$30,707.34**

YEAR-TO-DATE AS OF JUNE 30, 2014

### INCOME

Pay Pal Transfer In	10,970.62
Contribution	9,072.01
Adoption Rescue	2,555.00
National Specialty Rescue Auction	530.00
Relinquishment Contribution	105.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>23,232.63</b>

### EXPENSES

Vet Expenses For Rescue	27,287.85
Expenses for Rescued Bichons	565.53
Transportation Expenses for Rescues	150.00
Web Site	97.00
Check Image Fee	60.00
Expenses for Fundraiser	58.60
Bank Charges	20.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>28,238.98</b>

**Prepared By Matt Abbott, BFACT Treasurer**

## Committee Reports

ROM/ROMX  
Stephanie Uva

There are no ROM/ROMX applications to list. If your dog qualifies, send your information to:

Stephanie Uva  
2015 E Vista Ave  
Phoenix, AZ 85020  
Phone: 904.654.5906

Sales Report  
Kathy Loynachan

Hope you all had a great time in Houston and a safe trip home. Many thanks to all who helped with the BFCA sales table and especially to all of you who purchased items from BFCA. We had a good weekend.

We have ordered more of the Bichon paintings of the polished rock and should have them in time for you Christmas shopping. Also, we will have more of those popular leads. If you missed these items in Houston, keep checking our web page and place your orders once we have them in stock.

Have a great summer.

*Deadline for Fall Bulletin is  
October 10*

# In Memoriam of B F C A Members



It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we bid farewell...

Rosmarie Blood—California

Carolyn Cowan—Texas

## Bichon Frise Club of Greater Los Angeles

Our meetings are generally monthly, at parks (in sunny California) on Saturdays so all members may bring their Bichons or at a member's home that wishes to accommodate playing Bichons. Most meetings are Potluck lunch, with presentations by various speakers: holistic vet, Bichon show groomer (handler giving a full grooming instruction/class) Pet Nutritionist, CPR, etc.

\*The club recently manned a booth (for the 10th yr) at the 3 day OC America's Pet Expo (about 23,000 come to the show) with Bichons, giving educational info on grooming, etc.; handouts of: Brochure on Bichons and a list of Bichon Groomers in Southern California which we update yearly from members/friends.



Also, our monthly NEWSLETTER (approx. 4-6 pages) is sent monthly via e-mail delivering club info/meetings and current information that we have gathered such as below, which in this case, of the following two, both events are on Bichons that belong to the club.

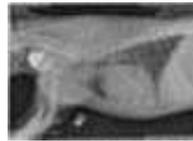
### AA>ago Pacemakers Keeps Dogs' Hearts Beating



YOGI 16 yrs.



size of silver dollar



inserted with pacemaker-

approx 9 months

Canine pacemakers give patients a new "leash" on life (older dogs like Yogi-young dogs with congenital heart defects etc.) It seems that no one really knows how many dogs get HUMAN pacemakers each year. A canine pacemaker has yet to be developed, so veterinary cardiologists rely on human devices (original cost \$5,000 for humans) that have sat too long on manufacturers' shelves to be put into people.



and Doggel Dog Glasses (Sharon's Daisy)

### Prescription Glasses for Dogs

-By DR. MARTY BECKER

Doggles, a California manufacturer of protective eyewear for dogs, is trying out a line of canine corrective lenses for dogs that can't see far beyond the end of their noses.

**\*\*We do sell corrective Doggles, with a "prescription" from the vet ophthalmologist. They range in price from \$75-250 (depending on the prescription), take about 3 weeks to receive and are not return/exchangeable because they are a special order item.**



The Bichon Frise Club of Northern NJ had a very successful year. We elected new officers, who are as follows:

Karen Graeber – President  
Pam Goldman – Vice President  
Pat Reuter - Treasurer  
Marianne Karl - Secretary  
Jewel Elias – BFCNA Delegate

We are also very pleased to announce that our membership has increased by 6 new and active members.

Our BFC Specialty of NNJ was held in conjunction with the New Brunswick Kennel Club Show, on Saturday March 22 2014 at the NJ Convention and Expo Center. This gave us the opportunity to have two point shows in a single day. All our members worked very hard to make this specialty a huge success. Pam Goldman worked with Rau Dog Shows to design rosettes that resembled bichons for our Parade of Champions. Our Sweepstakes Judge was Mr. Alan Santos and our Confirmation Judge was Mr. Mark Kennedy. Our winners this year were as follows:

Best of Breed: CH Gemstone Pied Piper at Stary-Dom  
Best Opposite Sex: CH Ecco Lormi's Ture Grit of Dove Cote  
Best of Winners: Judges Choice Heart Beat for Bodacious  
Winners Dog: Judges Choice Heart Beat for Bodacious  
Winners Bitch: Gemstone-Saks Expect the Extraordinary with Lyndale  
Best Puppy: Gemstone-Saks Expect the Extraordinary with Lyndale  
Best in Sweeps: Gemstone-Saks Expect the Extraordinary with Lyndale  
Best Veteran: Whitebreds Nordic Princess

Our rescue chairperson, Melanie Pellegrino, did an outstanding job in revamping the rescue program for the northern NJ area. We now have a website, a Facebook page and a PayPal link for donations. This year, besides the incredible amount of hours Melanie gives to rescue, she is also working to host our annual "Funds for Fluffs," Dinner Dance Fundraiser.

Our end-of-the-year culminating activity will be a member and bichon picnic, hosted by Karen Graeber. We look forward to next year being an interesting and informative year for both our show and pet owners.

## Bichon Frise Club of Western Pennsylvania

The BFCWPA activities for this quarter included a Specialty Show, May 25, 2014 and a club meeting June 1, 2014.

Our Specialty Show was held on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Lawrence County Farm Show Grounds in New Castle, PA in conjunction with the Trumbull County Kennel Club. There were four puppies entered in the Sweepstakes and twenty-three dogs entered in conformation. There were several positive comments from non-members regarding our show.

At the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, plans were finalized for the annual picnic, July 27<sup>th</sup>, **at Commissioner's Grove, Boyce Park, Munroeville, PA.** Also, meeting dates were set for September 28, November 9, and December 7, 2014 (annual Christmas party.) Other discussions were; possibly holding an independent specialty with the All Breed show in the future, improvements with the Specialty event such as assigning a photographer and ways to increase raffle ticket sales, setting up a Facebook page and accepting donations for the Bichon Rescue at the holiday party. Also, we began plans for Responsible Dog Ownership Day on October 12, 2014, including a possible **presentation on " reading a dog's body language."**

In other club business, Matt Abbott volunteered for the position of Specialty Arrangements person.



Chicago finally escaped the Polar Vortex, and we are starting to enjoy another beautiful Chicago summer, when the city comes alive.

In February, club members participated in Meet the Breeds at the International Kennel Club show.

On the rescue front, we are still looking for a home for Sonny, the male who was rescued from an Iowa puppy mill. Recent laws passed by the City of Chicago, then Cook County, will soon prohibit the sale of puppy mill dogs at pet shops, so my hope is that more puppy mills will go out of business when they can't sell the puppies to the Chicago market. Because of this, Sonny may be the last rescue dog in this area to come from a puppy mill. In this area, pet shops will only be able to deal in shelter dogs. While I personally see this as wonderful, some local all-breed organizations feel that these laws will also impact breeders.

Our club has a potential new member - Annie Outlaw has applied to join CBFC. If you attended this year's national specialty, you may have met Annie and her puppy bitch, Miley, whose registered name is Annie's Sharpshoot'n Star. Miley was best of opposite in the 4-6 month puppy bitch class. While new to showing, Annie is diving in head first, taking Miley to a variety of classes.

### **Member News**

Crème's Grand Slam AX MXJ MXP MJP was awarded two plaques at the national specialty for earning his master preferred agility titles in 2013. Dinger, bred by Carol Haines and owned and handled by me, finished these two titles last July. In spite of retiring last July, with 15 AKC agility titles, Dinger was nationally ranked #5 among Bichons in the preferred classes at the end of 2013. Not bad for a 13-year old dog!

Allstar's Who's on First? is a rescued Bichon – my first foster failure. I rescued Abbott from a family who had 4 children under age 5. Abbott finished his novice agility titles, NAP and NJP, in his first three shows, with 3 double Q's. In his fourth show, he got his first open jumpers leg. It was quite a start for a dog who had been terrorized by young children his first 2 years of life.

Nancy Muklewicz

**KEYSTONE  
BICHON FRISE  
CLUB**



*Events Calendar*

**March 8- Luncheon meeting and grooming presentation by Jaime Ludwig at Pizzeria Uno's in Exton, PA.**

**May 17- Annual Picnic at Warwick Park, Knauertown, PA.**

**July 12- Luncheon meeting and Rescue presentation by Kim Pribilla at Pizzeria Uno's, Exton, PA.**

**September 20 - Luncheon meeting and visit to the Groom Expo at Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey, PA.**

**October 4 - Regional Specialty in conjunction with the Devon Dog Show at Ludwigs Corner, PA.**

**November 8 - Holiday Party at Ludwig's Inn Grille and Oyster Bar, Glenmoore, PA.**



# Rocky Mountain Bichon Frise Club

The initial start date of the Rocky Mountain Bichon Frise Club was in September of 2005. With so few members, it has taken us a long time to really get serious about getting sanctioned by AKC. In the last couple of years we adopted a new logo and we have revised Our Constitution and Bylaws a couple of times. With the help of AKC we seem to be getting everything in place.

Elections for officers were held in April.

President: Lindsay Van Keuren

Vice President: Maggy Lamp

Secretary: Tammie Singer

Treasurer: Mary Provost

Directors:

Carol Duntemann

Patrina Odette

Jennie Smith

In May we were given the go ahead to hold our first B Match on June 8, 2014.

Judge Allen Odom was very professional and gave us a lot of encouragement at the B Match. We had a total of 12 entries.

The Best in Match was Tucker from the Open Dogs Class owned by Maggy and Steve Lamp.

Best Opposite Sec in Match was Tammie Singer's Lovey from the Open Bitches Class.

Best Junior Handler was Rachel Zobolas showing Zeus.

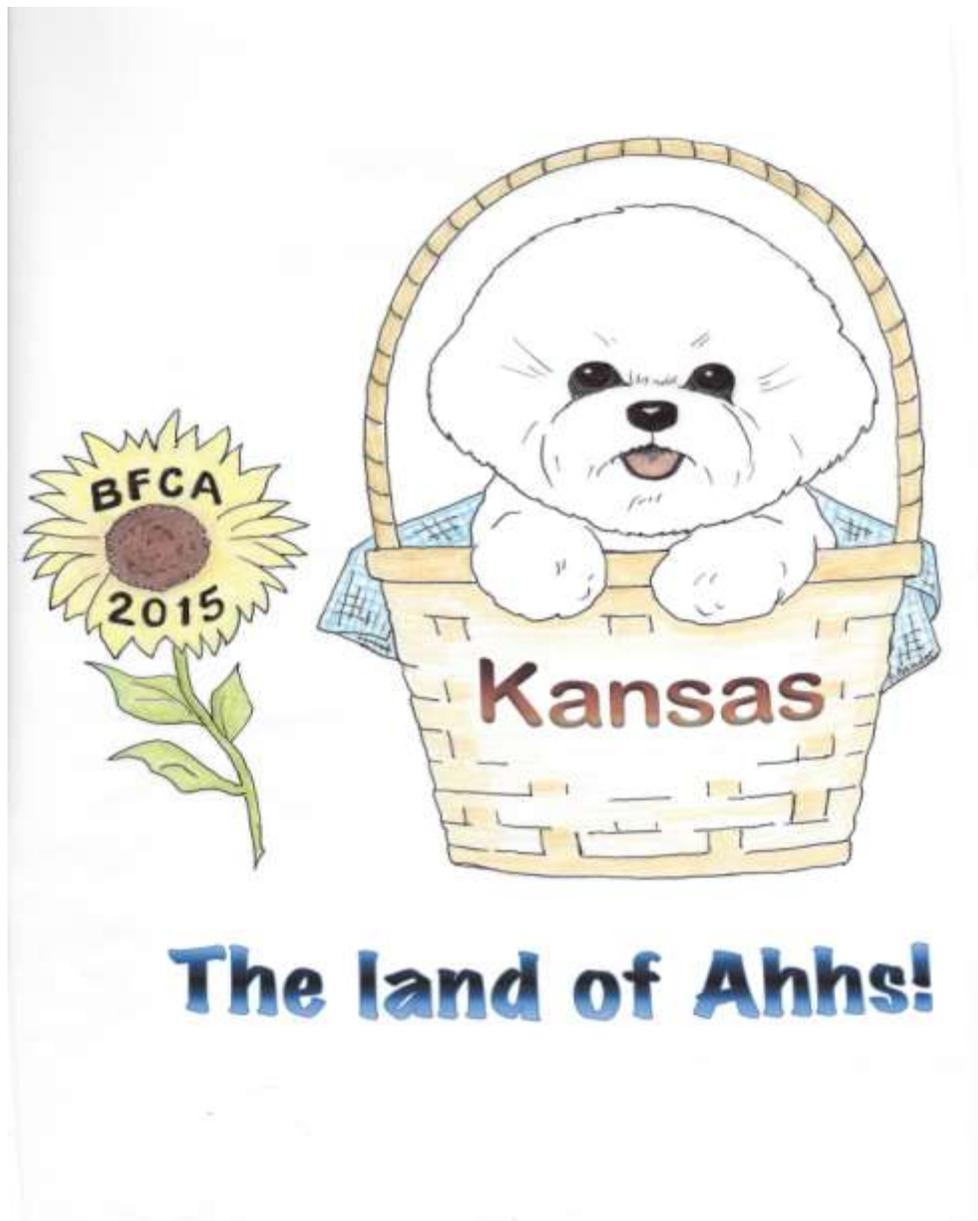
Best Veteran was Roxy in the 6-10 Veteran Class owned by Lindsay Van Keuren.

The highlight of the show was watching the 3-6 month old Brodi making his first appearance in a show ring. Brodi was Handled by Rachel Zobolas and is owned by Shelly Zobolas.



Another touching moment which caused applause even from the judge was watching 17 year old Monet strut her stuff. She was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 10+Veterans. She is owned by Mary Provost.

You Are Invited To The  
2015 BFCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY



WHEN — May 5-8, 2015  
WHERE — Topeka, KS  
Details will be forthcoming.