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**Minutes of the 46th Annual Meeting of
The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.
MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

Roll Call

Matt Abbott	Kieth Hanson	Tom Purnell
Cynthia Adams	Sandra Hanson	Lynn Ramich
Ben Anderson	Debbie Hollan	Sarah Rawlings
Kathy Andrew	Laurie Huddleston	Patricia Reuter
Gail Antetomaso	Dale Hunter	Betty Ribble
Danielle Ardagna	Janet Jamison	Bernice Richardson
Diane Ayres	Donna Jones	Donna Rogers
Barbara Barton	Sheryl Kapella	Linda Rowe, PhD
Mayno Blanding	Larry Letsche, DVM	Joanne Rubin
Rosmarie Blood	Kathy Loynachan	Gayle Sarner
Lorrie Carlton	Brian Lucas	Harvey Sarner
Howard Chesbro	Sandra Madia	Betsy Savage
Karen Chesbro	Dianne Mallon	Margaret (Hyde) Sherwood
Linda Cook	Nancy McDonald	Avanell Sikes
Polly Cooper	Diana McFarlane	George Sikes
Lisa Des Camps	Judy McNamara	Deedy Sorenson
Katherine Dillon	Alan Miles	Larry Sorenson
Patricia Dorris	Maureen Miles	Mary Spruiell
Jewel Elias	Sally Mitchell	Barbara Stubbs
Lillian Endo	Dena Monson	Lindsay Van Keuren
Lee Fry	Shyla Newton	Kathie Vogel
Jean Glass	Nancy Noonan	Charles Watts
Pam Goldman	Robyn-Russell Orvos	Sherren Watts
Karen Graeber	Gerry Paolillo	Janet Weiderhold
Sandra Greenway	Pedro Porcayo-Guevara	Julie Weiderhold
Nita Gryan	Terrell Potts	Mimi Winkler
Vickie Halstead	Harriett Pritchard	Myra Wotton
Richard Hamilton	Mary Provost	
Shirley Hamilton	Laura Purnell	
Kieth Hanson		Total members present – 85

The meeting was called to order by Avanell Sikes, President, at the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana at 1:10 PM on May 5, 2010. Roll was taken with 85 members present and a quorum was declared by the Recording Secretary.

A motion to approve the 2009 Annual Meeting minutes was made by Laura Purnell and seconded by Bernice Richardson. The motion was unanimously carried.

BOARD MEETING DISCUSSIONS

The first order of business was presentation of the Board Members present at the BFCA Annual Board Meeting yesterday, May 4, 2010. All board members were present at the 2010 Board Meeting and were introduced to the membership by Avanell. Special recognition was given to Lisa Des Camps for all the development and enhancements on our BFCA website. In addition, Avanell gave thanks to Shauna Scarborough (who was not present) for all her work on the BFCA quarterly Bulletin.

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Avanell publicly thanked the BFCA board members and to all the committee Chairmen and committee members for all their support of BFCA and for the work and time they have donated to the club. She also thanked everyone who has worked so hard to make with this National Specialty. Special thanks to Joanne Rubin, Kathy Andrew and Myra Wotton. Thanks also to Howard Chesbro.

PayPal: This payment option was used this year for the first time for Banquet tickets, seminar tickets, trophy donations and catalog ads. This proved to be very successful and will be used for Membership renewals starting in mid-June. This is available through our web-site. Plans are to continue to use PayPal for future specialties at this time.

The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award was established in 2006 to provide each Parent Club with the opportunity to recognize annually one of its members for their contribution to the sport of purebred dogs, show good sportsmanship in and out of the ring and is an active member of their national club. A medallion is provided by AKC for presentation to the individual. This year the award is given to Mr. George Sikes. His name will be listed with other honorees on the AKC website.

If anyone wishes to nominate an individual for the 2011 Award, please submit your nomination in writing to the Recording Secretary no later than February 15, 2011. Be sure to not only submit the name but a summary of why you are recommending this individual.

Avanell recognized Donna Rogers for all her work with Public Education. She put a lot of work into working with Meet The Breeds both at Eukanuba in California and Meet the Breeds in New York.

SPECIALTY REPORT by Kathy Loynachan

Kathy is glad that everyone is here for the Specialty. The great news is that we had more "room nights" booked so we were over the guarantee. Kathy asked everyone who has worked on anything regarding this specialty to stand up and receive thanks and recognition. Kathy acknowledged that this was a wonderful club for her to work with as so many people pitched in to help and were willing to do whatever they were asked. She finds that a quality that is not evident in all clubs.

Setup in the show room should commence at approximately 3:00 PM. There are electrical outlets around the ring and DO NOT use them. There will be special electric brought in for the dryers. Use your plastic in your room and pick up after your dog. Dispose of the waste appropriately.

Banquet sign ups are available after the meeting today. Show and Go in the Obedience ring today at 4:00PM. SPECIALTY PINS are available for \$5.00 at the sales table. Be sure to pick up one of these collectible items as there are a limited edition. So far no complaints and things seem to be progressing well. There were no questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURERS REPORT by Judy McNamara: Judy read the BFCA Treasurers report, with emphasis on income and expenses. The reports were published in the Spring Bulletin and copies were available upon entering today's meeting.

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Next, Judy reported on the Health Committee funds. She reported the income and expenses and the allocation of funds for various studies. The studies are a total of \$8,500.00 and Vickie will be discussing those in her reports. There are 3 funds in the BFCA totaling 14156.07. One is the Pauline Schultz Fund, CHF Donor Advised Fund and the BFCA Health Fund.

She thanked all of the Committee Chairmen who send her reports as it helps her with her job tremendously

HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT by Vickie Halstead.

When you donate monies to the CHF Donor Advised Fund those donations are tax deductible. Donations to the BFCA Health Committee are not tax deductible.

The research projects that we have donated to are: (1) Iowa State University Calcium Oxylate Stone Study, (2) Rabies Challenge Study (3) Atopic Dermatitis Study, (4) Canine Heart Failure and (5) Hemangiosarcoma Study.

Reminder about the Super Chic certification offered by the BFCA Health Committee.

With the approval of Deedy and Larry Sorenson, it was agreed that the Pauline Schultz Fund will be used when a good Patella Study is offered. The luxating patella issue was a passion of Pauline Schultz and the feeling is that this would be the best use of these funds.

The Health Committee is looking for volunteers to help with research, studies and evaluation of various health studies. Please contact Vicki if you are able to help in any way – telephone, research, writing, etc.

BFCA TRUST (RESCUE) REPORT by Gail Antetomaso : Gail reported the accounting for 2009. The ending balance in the rescue account for 2009 was \$7,727.38. Income for the year was \$47,903.00 and expenses were \$59,074.45. Expenses were well over income last year but this year has been much better and the trust is holding its own. So far there has been more income than expenses and that is good news.

Lynn Ramich reported that the economy has really hurt the rescue operation and so they have to make decisions based on the need for surgery vs the anticipated outcome.

The Trustees for the BFCA Trust for 2010 & 2011 are Avanel Sikes, Donna Rogers, Judy McNamara, Gail Antetomaso and myself. Gail & I are the co-chairs of the Trust.

Activities of the Rescue have been varied and busy. We have a lot of volunteers that are not BFCA members that devote their time, their money and their hearts to helping these bichons in need of homes. We get these rescues both from the website and from calls/referrals. We always need more help so please do not hesitate to volunteer if you can. We also have help from groups around the country such as Rat Pack in Florida and Fur Kids in California. We do not have any help in Ohio and Michigan. Also need help in Pennsylvania & Illinois. Please call Gail or Lynn if you can help or know of someone that would be able to help.

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LEGISLATIVE REPORT by George Sikes: Kieth Hanson & George Sikes co-chair this committee. All members of BFCA should be involved in legislation whether they breed or not. The laws that are being presented around the country affect all people who care about animals. There are people out there who are animal activists and would all but remove the sport of purebred dogs – and that could affect the food on our table.

Kieth & George have divided the country into 5 regions and after much hard work currently have 5 volunteers in each of the regions. The regions are: (1) Western – Loretta McDonald, (2) Southeast – Debbie Hollan, (3) Midwest – Cindy Morey, (4) Karen Graeber – Northeast & (5) Carol Short – Southwest. There is a meeting immediately following Sweepstakes to develop a plan for proactive action against legislation in the various areas.

Meanwhile each of you needs to be aware of what is happening in your community and have your voice heard. It does help. It does work.

NEW MEMBERS: Avaneil welcomed and introduced the 13 new BFCA members. Those who were in attendance at this meeting are indicated with an asterisk following their name. Paula Abbott, Matt Abbott*, Lorrie Carlton*, Larry Letsche*, Linda Cook*, Madlyn Glazer, Stephanie Hart, Laurie Huddleston*, Gary Huddleston, Dianne Mallon*, Terrell Potts*, Sarah Rawlings* & Carol Short.

JUDGES EDUCATION REPORT by Chuck Watts: Since last year's Specialty Sandra Hanson has mailed out 28 packets to new judges containing the BFCA Judges Seminar DVD and the Illustrated Standard booklet. We have also had several Judges Education Seminars throughout the country. Ringside mentoring is the biggest challenge facing this committee. Often times the person available to mentor is also exhibiting which makes the assignment extremely difficult.

Requirements for ringside mentoring includes: (1) Having been in the breed for over 12 years, (2) Have bred 5 litters and whelped 5 litters on own premises, (3) Have at least 4 champions from the 5 litters in number two, (4) must be a member in good standing with BFCA, (5) attended at least one Judges Seminar and (5) attended at least 2 of the last 6 National Specialties. You also must have a good knowledge and love of the history and standard of the breed. If you meet these requirements, please check with Chuck for a short meeting after this meeting. Those not in attendance at this meeting should contact Chuck Watts if you desire to participate in Ringside Mentoring.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY FOR 2011: Judy Beckham, President of the Bichon Frise Club of Houston, invited everyone to Houston for the Specialty. Everything is good to go at the hotel and following a re-do last year everything is perfect. The ballroom is huge and so is the parking lot – great for the RV's. The hotel is warm and friendly and looking forward to our attendance. There are lots of restaurants near the hotel and there is shopping nearby. Van rides are available. The hotel is 2 miles from the airport. The hotel is the Sheraton North Houston. The dates are Friday thru Sunday May 6 – 8, 2011.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY EXPENSES: The costs of having our specialties is increasing each year. The cost of the ballroom, etc. is based on meeting certain minimums of room reservations and meals. If we do not meet the minimums, then we are charged very high fees for ballrooms, banquet rooms and meeting rooms. In order to insure that we can account for room reservations made through sites other than the hotel, there is a sign-in sheet at the BFCA Registration table and will be available Thursday and Friday at the catalog table. I urge you all to sign in to insure you are counted as a room reservation for BFCA.

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NEW GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE by Larry Sorenson. As of May 12, 2010 the Grand Championship program will begin. This is for Champions entered in the Champions class or for move-ups to the Specials class. The dog must already be a champion to earn Grand Champion points. The Best of Breed, Best of Opposite, Select Dog and Select Bitch can all earn points towards their Grand Champion title. The only exception to this is if a class dog (non-champion) wins BOB or BOS then no Gr Ch points are awarded to that dog. Points are calculated exactly the same as for Winners Dog and Winners Bitch. You need 3 majors and 25 points from the Specials class to earn your Grand Championship.

CHALLENGE TROPHIES FOR BRED-BY EXHIBITOR COMPETITION: Avaneil announced that the board of the BFCA approved the donation of two Challenge Trophies for our Special Attraction Bred-By-Exhibitor competition. The Best of Breed bred-by is offered by Rick Day and the Best Opposite Sex bred by is being offered by Avaneil & George Sikes.

JUDGES SELECTION by Betty Ribble: Just a reminder to please mark your ballots according to the instructions on the ballot. If the ballot is marked incorrectly or not signed the vote does not count. If you have not voted in the past – please do so. You are the ones selecting the judges for your Specialty – so if you do not vote – you have to accept whom others have voted for.

Avaneil encouraged the membership to consider joining one of our committees. It is a good way to learn the workings of your club and a big help to all the committee chairs who work to help all of us. So many of you hesitate to join, but please think about what you can do for BFCA (message from JF Kennedy).

A motion was made to adjourn at 2:35 P.M. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

If you have not paid your BFCA dues for 2010 – 2011, please either go to the website and pay via PayPal or mail them right away. They are now delinquent and must be paid in order to continue your membership.

If you have not received a Dues Notice please contact Sandra Madia, Recording Secretary immediately. Thank You

2009/10 Annual Committee Reports**Treasurer's Report—Judy McNamara**

Treasurer's Report
BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA
Financial Statement Beginning April 28, 2009 and Ending April 27, 2010

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 28, 2009 \$15,419.04

INCOME:

National Specialty	\$39,266.50	
Health	3,665.00	
Dues	5,408.68	
Sales	199.02	
Breeders Directory	3,600.00	
Membership	425.00	
Ad	75.00	
Transfer From Savings	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Income		\$62,639.20

EXPENSE:

National Specialty	\$44,272.44	
Bulletin	4,386.64	
AKC Delegate	2,196.11	
Health	2,623.20	
Sales	230.42	
Insurance	1,594.00	
Recording Secretary	910.46	
Judges Education	187.83	
Printing and Reproduction	1,172.92	
Rescue Charitable Trust	500.00	
Ads	315.00	
Postage	152.66	
Friendship	188.58	
Telephone	249.61	
Public Education	289.33	
Website	495.91	
Bank Charges	92.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	85.00	
Miscellaneous	52.56	
Awards	<u>215.00</u>	
Total Expense		<u>\$60,209.67</u>

NET INCOME 2,429.53

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE, APRIL 27, 2010 \$17,428.23

PAY PAL BALANCE 420.34 **\$17,848.57**

BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT, APRIL 28, 2009 \$59,948.14

Transfer To Checking (10,000.00)

Interest Income 117.54

BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE **\$50,065.68**

TOTAL FUNDS **\$67,914.25**

2009/10 Annual Committee Reports

Health Report—Vickie Halstead

The BFCA health committee continues its dedication to the welfare of Bichons, evidenced by our progress in meeting our goals. I continue to appreciate the efforts of this dynamic, incredible committee: Anne Jones, Nancy McDonald, Lisa Des Camps, and Paula Hendricks. In addition, I would like to thank Carol Haines for her generosity in mailing thank you notes to those that made special donations/memorials to the Bichon health fund.

This is also posted in the Health Times: With a heavy heart I have resigned from chairing this health committee for the last 7 years. The work of this committee is so significant to the welfare and future of Bichons that it deserves a chairperson who has adequate time to donate to our projects. I continue to work in the ER of a hospital in a 60% position, to breed and show my Bichons, and to run my legal nurse consulting business that has grown considerably in the last 2-3 years. As you can imagine this leaves me with no free time, however I will stay on the committee as a member and an advisor to the new chairperson. Our new leader is Nancy McDonald, who I know will do a great job leading this dynamic group. Thank you Nancy! My main functions on the committee will be to coordinate research and answer health email questions from our web site.

Bichon Health Web site

After almost 4 years of existence, there is no doubt that our web site at <http://www.bichonhealth.org> is successful and fulfils a need for Bichon owners and breeders. We are indebted to our web master Lisa for keeping up with this committee's frequent additions and changes. During the first 1.5 years the average # of hits was at least 1000 per month, and now we average about 2600 hits per month, demonstrating the increased awareness and usefulness of the site. The fact that the volumes of health-related questions via email that are generated from our "Ask Us" page have dramatically decreased demonstrates that the site has impacted the knowledge of Bichon owners. The inquiries have dropped from about 100/month to about 20/month. In the last year we added 3 new health articles composed by health committee members and 2 articles from other sources for a total of 97 articles posted on the website since its inception. Tracking the number of hits to each article in my opinion reflects the current trends in health issues in Bichons.

Top 20 Disease Issues based on # of hits on articles on bichon.org from 3/31/08 to 7/31/10 (> 2 yrs.)

1. Skin problems
2. Use of prednisone (used mainly for skin problems and autoimmune diseases)
3. Bladder stones
4. Aging Bichons/Longevity
5. Providing a healthy diet
6. Cardiac diseases
7. Endocrine diseases (diabetes, Cushings, thyroid)
8. Allergies
9. Hemangiosarcoma
10. Vaccinations
11. Orthopedic problems (general informational article)
12. Sudden Acquired Retinal Degeneration Syndrome (SARDS)
13. Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia (PCD)
14. Pancreatitis versus liver disease

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15. Separation anxiety
16. Patellar luxation
17. Kidney disease
18. Immune Mediated Hemolytic Anemia (IMHA)
19. Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia (ITP)
20. Tear and saliva staining

Fund Raising

We continue to work diligently to raise funds for Bichon health research, and we thank all of those who donated. Soon there will be items for sale on our boutique that were sold at our national specialty.

Looking for fund raising coordinator/s: This major goal of the health committee is to concentrate on health issues in Bichons. To allow the **nurses** of this committee to devote more time to this goal, we need someone who can coordinate raising funds for Bichon health research. If you are willing to assist us, please contact Nancy McDonald at rosevine12@austin.rr.com.

Research

Reports of the ongoing studies that BFCA has supported financially will be included in the next issue (fall 2010) of the Health Times.

Looking for research coordinators: The health committee needs your help in coordinating research projects for the top 10 health issues in Bichons. In the past I was the only person involved in this effort. As chair of this committee I have received several phone calls/emails over the years of scientists interested in involving Bichons in their research projects, either as research subjects or asking BFCA to donate funds to their research projects. Because of a lack of time to devote to this demand, I can say that we may have missed some opportunities. So, I am asking BFCA members to help by choosing one of the top 10 health issues listed below if you have an interest in it or have had experience with the health issue. You do not have to be a medical person, but that would be preferred when dealing with scientists using their medical jargon. To explain further, if you volunteer for a particular health issue and this committee receives an inquiry from a researcher, you will be contacted to discuss the details with the researcher and to coordinate any activities associated with the project, with the approval of BFCA. In addition, we would like you to be available as a resource to people who have Bichons with this health issue and consider offering education on pertinent topics, like writing an article to be posted on our health web site. One benefit to you is that you will become an expert on the health issue you chose. Please look at the list and consider helping us by contacting me (Vickie) at victoire2@mac.com. I am asking each member of this committee to chose a health issue, mine being heart problems because I am a Cardiovascular Nurse Specialist and I wrote all the articles on heart issues posted on our web site. A list of volunteers will be posted in future issues of this publication.

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Top 10 Health Issues in Bichons Frises

1. skin problems/allergies*
2. bladder/kidney stones
3. patellar luxation/ligament tears
4. dental diseases
5. cataracts/eye diseases
6. cancers
7. heart diseases
8. liver diseases
9. stomach/intestinal problems
10. diabetes

DNA Bank

Those of you that were at the last 2 specialties may have taken home DNA swabs to either send to the CHIC DNA bank or keep at home for your DNA Cache at Home. If you did not receive the hand-outs with instructions at the specialty, go to our health web site <http://www.bichonhealth.org/DNABanks.asp> where you can download instructions. We will have more DNA swabs available at our national specialty in 2011.

CHIC

The numbers for Bichons issued CHIC numbers continues to grow to over 600 Bichons since BFCA joined in 2007. Details of reports are posted in the Health Times.

To review, below are the requirements for obtaining a CHIC certification for your Bichon. **NOTE: Your Bichon must have either a microchip or tattoo for identification to qualify.**

NOTE: Your Bichon does not have to pass the tests, but you have to release the results to the database to qualify.

Tests that are required:

1. OFA of hips completed at the age of 2 or more years
2. OFA of patellas completed at the age of at least 1 year, and recertified yearly thereafter
CERF exam completed every year

Tests that are encouraged but optional (not required to get a CHIC number):

1. Cardiac OFA certification by a cardiologist or practitioner
2. Legg-Calve-Perthes OFA certification
3. DNA registered with AKC
4. Urinalysis to assess for diabetes, bladder infection and crystals (a precursor to stones)
5. Bile acid blood test to rule out liver shunt
6. Standard veterinary blood panel that includes:
 - CBC (complete blood count—WBC's, hemoglobin, RBC's, platelets) to find anemia, infection, cancers of the blood, or bleeding and platelet disorders
 - Electrolytes, BUN, creatinine to assess kidney function
 - Blood glucose level to rule out diabetes

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The new CHIC 5 Star Award

This new award offered by the health committee, in conjunction with our CHIC listings, was introduced at the BFCA national specialty. The award reflects quality, as in a 5 star hotel, and commends the efforts of breeders who augment health testing of their Bichons prior to breeding. Each issue of the BFCA Health Times will list the names of Bichons with this award, and a certificate will be sent to the owner. We currently have 12 recipients of the award listed in the Health Times.

To qualify, the Bichon Frise must have:

A CHIC #, which means 3 tests (eyes, hips, patellas) are completed and the Bichon is identified by a microchip or tattoo.

Passed CERF and patella OFA certifications within the last year.

Passed OFA requirements that rule out hip dysplasia.

Passed 2 other tests listed in the BFCA optional CHIC tests (DNA registered with AKC, leg-calve-perthes, cardiac OFA, urinalysis and blood tests).

At least one owner who is a BFCA member.

Therefore, the Bichon must pass 5 health tests to receive this award. Although AKC DNA registration is not a test, it is included as one qualifier for this award. Mail or email the application to Paula Hendricks, which can be downloaded from our web site at <http://bichonhealth.org/CHIC.htm>. Just like CHIC, once a Bichon receives the award it cannot be revoked. The list published in the BFCA Health Times will be an ongoing, alphabetical list that will grow with time.

2009/10 Annual Committee Reports

Membership—Karen Chesbro

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
Member of the American Kennel Club, Inc.**

May 1, 2009 – May 1, 2010

The new membership online application process implemented last year continues to be a success, and has proven to be a more expeditious way to complete the application process. Most of the applicants and their sponsors are willing and able to fill them out online and return them to the Membership Administrator by computer. Those who do not have computer access continue to use the handwritten method and then they are retyped into the system.

We continue to provide all necessary information concerning the application process, including our membership guidelines and requirements, on our website under “Membership Inquiries”. As always, if someone would like them sent by regular mail, we are happy to accommodate that request.

This has been a busy year with several new members welcomed and several additional applicants currently in various stages of the application process. The actual numbers are as follows:

Applications Requested	21
Applications Received	17
Not returned as of 5/1/10	3
Never returned-now inactive status	<u>1</u>
	21
Applications sent to the Board (As of 5/1/10)	15
Approved Applications	10
Denied	2
Applications in Process already published	<u>3</u>
	15
New Individual Membership	7
New Family Membership (2 each)	3

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Obedience by Linda Ferrullo

This year at the Nationals you will notice that another Challenge Trophy is being offered. This challenge trophy must be won 3 times by the same person but not necessarily to be with the same dog. It is for the highest scoring breed champion of record in the obedience ring of the BFCA nationals. I hope this will encourage more exhibitors into the obedience ring. So now you will have the Highest scoring dog and the highest scoring breed champion in the show, that is two chances to win beautiful trophies for your mantles at home. And if you have succeeded in earning both your championship and an obedience title that means you are 2/3 of the way to earning your Versatility award plaque. You might as well go all the way and enter another class- either rally or agility or tracking to complete the third requirement to earn one of those beautiful plaques that the BFCA offers us to congratulate us on our multi-tasking Bichons.

The AKC has made it official that in April of this year-2010, mixed breed dogs will be allowed to compete in Obedience, Rally and Agility at any shows combined with the purebred dogs. There will not be a differential of ribbons for the mixed breeds and ribbons for the purebreds, instead it will be a head to head competition to earn the placements. Mix breed dogs are required to be spayed or neutered in order to register with the AKC.

This year in the awards for accomplishments in 2009, we have getting a Parchment for earning the Highest Scoring companion Dog (CD) title goes to Ann Kosin and AK'S Bell-A The Ball CD RN.

A Parchment for Highest scoring dog earning a Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) goes to Ben Anderson and Krista Filleccia for Gaylors Hey You Never Know CDX.

A Versatility Plaque award goes to Joanne Styles, Harvey Sarner and Gayle Sarner for CH. Brightstar's Dakota Dreams RN NAJ. In order to win this award, you must have titles in 3 different venues.

Parchments for the Rally Novice title (RN) go to Ann Kosin for AK's Bell-A The Ball CD RN , Anita Carroll and Marsi Gail Harvey for Beaujololais's Sassy Socialite RN NA NAJ, Karla Matlock for Deja Vu Princess Valynrock CDX RN and Patricia Reuter for Queen Bee's Was A Sunny Day RN.

Congratulations to all of the BFCA members for working so hard with your dogs to earn these titles. There were 45 Bichons earning titles in both obedience and rally in 2009.

2009/10 Annual Committee Reports**Rescue by Gail Antetamaso**

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST
Est. 2003 501C3

JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009
Explanation of Income and Expenses

Income:

ADOPTIONS RESCUE	32,048.17
CREDIT FOR OVER CHARGE ON CHECK CARD	774.51
DONATIONS WITH MEMBER DUES	1,790.00
DONATIONS	21,198.79
PAY PAL TRANSFER FROM (DONATIONS)	1,029.45
PETFINDER Sap ACH BICHON FRISE PA517	198.00
NATIONAL SPECIALTY AUCTION	500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$47,903.75

Expenses:

ACCOUNT CORRECTION	25.00
ADVERTISING (DOGS USA)	490.00
BANK CHARGE	60.00
EXPENSES FOR RESCUED BICHONS	1,813.40
EXPRESS MAIL	17.50
OFFICE SUPPLIES	38.02
REIMBURSEMENT DONATION ADOPTION	1,026.00
TAX RETURN PREPERATION	500.00
TELEPHONE 866 473-0722	311.99
TRANSPORT RESCUES	300.00
VET EXPENSES FOR RESCUES	52,018.13
WEBSITE www.bichonrescue.org	2,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$59,050.04

Regions Bank beginning balance January 1, 2009 \$32,048.17

Regions Bank ending balance December 31, 2009 \$20,943.67

Uncleared Transactions as of January 1, 2008 cleared in 2009 two checks totaling \$104.50

Judges' Conformation Critique—Mrs. Toddie Clark
Bichon Frise Club of America, 35th National Specialty Show
Indianapolis, IN

First of all, I am honored to be invited to judge your National Specialty. Most of you aren't aware that Bichons are one of my most favorite breeds to judge.

Believe me when I tell you that I love your breed. I understand how much time, effort and love you spend with each dog or bitch and how much they mean to you. I have been there and I appreciate you and yours.

When I became a judge, I decided that I could not look at anyone or anything but the dog itself. Having exhibited as an owner, breeder and then handler for twenty-five years, I experienced all types of judges and I decided at that time that I would be nothing but fair in my evaluations, to the best of my ability.

As a judge, the standard is my "Bible" and I attempt to judge all exhibits in my mind's eye as closely as I can determine to that standard. In other words, there are flaws in the breed that I see that I can't reward because they are contrary to the written standard. There are points of the breed for which I award above and beyond others, and these points sum up to "type." Above all else, a Bichon must have type.

I was pleasantly surprised that so many of the exhibits were correctly groomed. As I have so often expressed, Bichon exhibitors themselves are the best groomed and dressed at any show, as are their exhibits. There was only one single non-groomed exhibit and this is a rarity on most days.

It was somewhat unusual to see that the depth of quality was in the dog classes, since bitches are so often better than the males. It is promising to see that the younger classes were better than the older ones with a few exceptions.

The best of breed dog is one of the best Bichons I have ever seen and the best of winners bitch was exemplary as were most of my placements.

The Bichon eye should be placed directly into the skull, not set obliquely. That isn't a huge problem, but there were several exhibits that didn't measure up here. Also, breeders need to work hard to keep the halos because they are too becoming somewhat rare.

Most had good coats, but there were some wiry and a few cottony coats. Breeders have many challenges but it is heartening to see so many good results.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to judge these lovely dogs.

SHOW RESULTS
2010 NATIONAL SPECIALTY
INDIANAPOLIS, IN
MAY 6-7, 2010

CONFORMATION: JUDGED BY MRS. TODDIE CLARK

BEST OF BREED: **CH RIANE'S GLORYB STEPPING OUT IN STYLE.** NP179522/06. 08/19/2007. Dog.
BREEDER: Mari Kool & Joanne Rubin. By Ch Glory B High Ridge Constant Comment-Ch Soquels Daze Of
Glory. **OWNER: Elaine Schumacher & Mari Kool.**

BEST OF WINNERS/WINNERS BITCH: **GEMSTONE SHE IS A BELLE OF THE BALL.** NP219476/01.
05/26/2008. **BREEDER:** Jewel & Mitchell Elias. By Lyndale Go Diego Go-Ch Gemstone A Lil' Bit Of Honey.
OWNER: Jewel Elias & Sacha Farnswarth.

BEST OF OPPOSITE SEX: **CH PARAY'S RIME TIME.** NP125612/01. 04/14/2005. Bitch. **BREEDER:** Deb Wentz.
By Ch PaRay's Paragon-Ch Rime Such A Riff. **OWNER: Laura Rosio & Martin Winston.** **AGENT:** Raymond
Pittman, AKC Reg. Handler.

BEST BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR: **VOGELFLIGHT'S HONOR TO PILLOWTALK.** NP207495/01. 06/17/2008.
BREEDER: Lori & Tracy Kornfeld & Mary & Kathie Vogel. By Ch Paray's I Told You So-Ch Pillowtalks No Se-
crets. **OWNER: Lori & Tracy Kornfeld & Mary & Kathie Vogel.**

AWARD OF MERIT: **CH SAKS HAMELOT LITTLE DRUMMER BOY.** NP187651/01. 12/24/2007. Dog.
BREEDER: Sandra & Keith Hanson & Shirley & Richard Hamilton. By Ch Chalets Dotdashone At Kallos-Ch Saks
Hamelot Ichi Tsumami. **OWNER: Barbara Weidner & L Darman & K Griffin & C Ruggles.** **AGENT:** Scott A
Sommer, AKC Reg. Handler.

AWARD OF MERIT: **CH MIABELLA GONE WITH THE WIND.** NP221928/01. 01/22/2009. Bitch. **BREEDER:**
Sheryl L Kapella & Rick Day. By Ch Musicbox Sweet Heartbreaker-Ch Risgae's Miabella Moon Goddess.
OWNER: Sheryl L Kapella & Donna Jones & Rick Day.

AWARD OF MERIT: **CH BODACIOUS MOON MADNESS.** NP213606/03. 09/01/2008. Bitch. **BREEDER:**
Owner. By Ch Risgae's Trip To The Moon-Ch Parays White Pepper. **OWNER: Glenda Blue.** **AGENT:** Dennis D
Brown.

WINNERS DOG: **VOGELFLIGHT'S HONOR TO PILLOWTALK.** NP207495/01. 06/17/2008. **BREEDER:**
Lori & Tracy Kornfeld & Mary & Kathie Vogel. By Ch Paray's I Told You So-Ch Pillowtalks No Secrets.
OWNER: Lori & Tracy Kornfeld & Mary & Kathie Vogel.

RESERVE WINNERS DOG: **PARAY'S POWER & PRIVILEGE.** NP223493/01. 11/05/2008. **BREEDER:** Owners
& Gayle Sarner. By Ch PaRay's Propaganda-Ch Brightstar PaRay's Pep Talk. **OWNER: Tray Pittman & Paul
Flores.**

WINNERS BITCH: **GEMSTONE SHE IS A BELLE OF THE BALL.** NP219476/01. 05/26/2008. **BREEDER:**
Jewel & Mitchell Elias. By Lyndale Go Diego Go-Ch Gemstone A Lil' Bit Of Honey. **OWNER: Jewel Elias &
Sacha Farnswarth.**

RESERVE WINNERS BITCH: **MUSICBOX KADEN PAYDAY AT ALLURE.** NP213656/04. 11/04/2008.

BREEDER: Donna Jones & Rick Day & Dennis & Katey Brown. By Ch Paray's Pop The Question-Risgae Suds N'The Bucket Musicbox. **OWNER:** Lisa Des Camps. **AGENT:** Dennis D Brown.

BEST STUD DOG: **CH VICTOIRE'S NORWEGIAN RED.** NP171520/03. 04/16/2007. Dog. **BREEDER:** Owner. By NorCh Petit Ami's Only The Lonely-Ch Victoire Cheers To Austin. **OWNER:** Vickie Halstead.

BEST BROOD BITCH: **AVALON'S TRIUMPH OF SILVERLINE.** NP051687/01. 09/15/2003. Bitch. **BREEDER:** Renee D Lauer & Lorrie L Carlton. By CH Dreams Came True Triumph-CH Avalon's Keeper Of Magic. **OWNER:** Linda Barnes & Renee Lauer.

BEST PUPPY: **PARAY'S PLAUDIT.** NP236179/04. 05/09/2009. **BREEDER:** Owners. By Ch PaRay's Paragon-Ch Legend's PaRay That Girl. **OWNER:** Paul Flores & Tray Pittman. **AGENT:** Raymond Pittman, AKC Reg. Handler.

BEST OPPOSITE SEX PUPPY: **RISGAE'S SLAP YA MAMA!.** NP238344/01. 06/10/2009. **BREEDER:** Nancy M Smith & Rick Day. By Ch Manoir's Shot In The Dark-Ch Smith's All That Jazz Of Risgae. **OWNER:** Kayley Kovar.

SWEEPSTAKES: JUDGED BY MRS. MAGGIE HYDE-SHERWOOD

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES: **BELLE CREEK'S FLIGHT TO DEJAVU.** NP244494/01. 05/09/2009. **BREEDER:** owners. By Ch Belle Creek's Double The Fun-Ch Deja Vu Give It Up. **OWNER:** L. Carlton L. Letsche & K. Matlock.

BEST OPPOSITE SEX SWEEPSTAKES: **RISGAE'S WET KISSES SWEET MAGNOLIA.** NP237682/01. 06/09/2009. **BREEDER:** Rick Day & Donna Jones. By Ch Diamella Evening News-Parmeles Artistic Reflection. **OWNER:** Angela Bellinger & Rick Day.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION: BRED- BY- EXHIBITOR JUDGED BY MRS. MAGGIE HYDE-SHERWOOD

BEST BRED-BY-EXHIBITOR SPECIAL ATTRACTION: **CH RIANE'S GLORYB STEPPING OUT IN STYLE.** NP179522/06. 08/19/2007. Dog. **BREEDER:** Mari Kool & Joanne Rubin. By Ch Glory B High Ridge Constant Comment-Ch Soquels Daze Of Glory. **OWNER:** Elaine Schumacher & Mari Kool.

BEST OPPOSITE SEX SPECIAL ATTRACTION: **GEMSTONE SHE IS A BELLE OF THE BALL.** NP219476/01. 05/26/2008. Bitch. **BREEDER:** Jewel & Mitchell Elias. By Lyndale Go Diego Go-Ch Gemstone A Lil' Bit Of Honey. **OWNER:** Jewel Elias & Sacha Farnswarth.

OBEDIENCE TRIALS: JUDGED BY MR. RICHARD STRONG

HIGHEST SCORING DOG IN REGULAR CLASSES: **BELLE CREEK'S SUGAR PIE CGC. NM942580/05.** 11/11/2002. Bitch. Bichons Frises. Breeder:Lorrie Carlton. By Ch Belle Creek's Moonbeam-Ch Belle Creek's Miles A Smiles. **Owner:** Charlene J Eisenlohr.

Officer's Reports

President's Report—Avanell Sikes

Indianapolis was a fun filled week for everyone. It was such a treat to see all the Bichons together. Many thanks to Kathy Loynachan and all of you that had a part in making this event special. Kathy did a super job preparing to make this event super for all of you.

Congratulations to BOB, Ch. Raine's GloryB Stepping Out in Style, Breeders: Mari Kool and Joanne Rubin and Owners: Elaine Schumacher and Mari Kool, and to BOS, Ch. Paray's Rime Time, Breeder: Deb Wentz and Owners: Laura Rosio and Winston Martin.

Congratulations to Gr. Ch. Sak's Hamelot Little Drummer Boy, the first Bichon to receive a Grand Championship, Breeders: Sandra and Kieth Hanson and Shirley and Richard Hamilton and Owners: Barbara Weidner, L. Darman, K. Griffin and Cecelia Ruggles. In recognition of the newest AKC Grand Champion conformation title, a Special Blue Enamel AKC Medallion will be sent to the owners of first 10 Grand Champion Title holders in each AKC recognized breed. Co-owners may order extra medallions by written request.

George Sikes was recognized with a Certificate of Service by AKC for service as an AKC Delegate for the entire first decade of the 21st Century.

I would like to say a special thanks to the Officers and Directors of the BFCA Board. Since we only meet once a year, it is a very long day on Tuesday. Everyone was present and everyone gave 100%, not only on Tuesday, but all week to see that you had a great Specialty. Now that that is over, we are working on next year.

We have one major change for a Committee Chair for 2010-2011. Vickie Halstead is stepping down as Health Chair, but she is not leaving us. She will remain on the Committee. I want to personally thank Vickie for all the work and time she has given to the Committee. Vickie has done a superb job and she has been a delight to work with. Vickie and I both are pleased to have Nancy McDonald step up to Chair the Committee. Nancy has been serving on the Committee for a few years and she is very well qualified and experienced. Nancy, we welcome you as Committee Chair and I know that you will have the support of the entire membership.

Thanks to those of you who responded to our request for those interested in serving on a committee. Most of you have already been placed on a committee and we are still reviewing our committees for some changes.

The Board and Show Committee are making plans now for our first weekend show at the Sheraton North Houston, in Houston Texas, May 4th - 8th, 2011. We hope you will mark those dates on your calendars and plan to attend. You will be hearing more about these shows in the future.

2009/10 Annual Committee Reports**Treasurer's Report—Judy McNamara**

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA
Financial Statement Beginning April 27, 2010 and Ending June 30, 2010

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 27, 2010		\$17,428.23
INCOME:		
National Specialty	\$21,088.00	
Health	1,103.00	
Dues	4,395.00	
Sales	69.00	
Rescue	<u>35.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$26,690.00
EXPENSE:		
National Specialty	\$26,662.88	
AKC Delegate	878.10	
Pay Pal	41.14	
Printing and Reproduction	210.00	
Telephone	49.68	
Bank Charges	9.41	
Dues	<u>35.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>27,886.21</u>
NET LOSS		(1,196.21)
TRANSFER FROM SAVINGS		10,000.00
PAY PAL BALANCE		
April 27, 2010	420.34	
June 30, 2010	<u>500.00</u>	<u>(79.66)</u>
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2010		\$26,152.36
BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT APRIL 27, 2010	\$50,065.68	
Transfer To Checking	10,000.00	
Interest	<u>5.32</u>	
BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT JUNE 30, 2010		<u>40,071.00</u>
<u>TOTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2010</u>		<u>\$66,223.36</u>

Committee Reports

Delegate Report—George Sikes

June 6, 2010 I attended the following committees:

By Laws Committee: There was further discussion of the possibility of The Delegate Body going to three meetings per year. AKC Board Member term limits were discussed. We will be voting to rescind term limits for the AKC Board Members in September, 2010.

There are 40 to 50% of The Delegates that are AKC Judges. Judges that are Delegates are not allowed to charge a fee for judging. They can only charge their expense. These Judges would like for this to be brought back to the Delegate Body for a vote to allow them to charge a fee.

All Breeds Club Committee: The Grand Champion program was discussed. The trend of decreasing entries at All-Breed shows was also discussed.

Parent Club Committee: Planning for the Parent Club Conference was discussed. AKC registration continues on the same trend of only 40 to 44% of puppies registered from each litter. There is growing concern from clubs that their insurance is being cancelled by some of the insurance companies.

Delegate Caucus: AKC Board term limits and deaf dog issues were discussed. Also, the possibility of having a puppy class, four months to six months, with no points awarded was discussed. This could help with entries.

Delegates Forum: Michael A. Liosis, Director of Club Relations, moderated the Forum with a discussion on Club Relations.

This was not discussed in any of the meetings, but was discussed among some of the delegates to allow small shows to have two shows per day. This would cut down on expense. When entries picked back up they would go back to one show per day.

I was asked by a BFCA Board member what I heard at this delegate meeting that would have an effect on BFCA. I think James Stevens, Chief Financial Officer's report could effect all clubs if this trend continues. James reported the total revenues for the five months ending May 2010 were \$1.9 million or 7% lower than the prior year. The total operating expense for the same time period was 4% below 2009. This resulted in an operating deficit of \$100,000 for five months. The good news, investments generated a gain of \$1.6 million for the first five months of this year. This represented a 2 ½% return for the period, which outperformed the major stock market indices.

Committee Reports

Friendship Laura Purnell

We have sent 3 Sympathy cards and 3 Get Well cards this quarter . It has also been reported that our dear, Virginia York, passed away this past April.

BFCA 2010 Raffle/Auction

The key to our success rests in people like you!

Thank you !

Sales Kathy Loynachan

Hello! It was great seeing so many of you in Indy. You did a super job of supporting BFCA through our sales table. Gail Antetomaso and Karen Chesbro were manning the sales table this year and did a great job. My sincere thanks to them.

If you missed the specialty, we still have some t-shirts and the collectible logo pins. Please contact me for sizes and colors of the shirts. Rick Day sold so many of them that we don't have a lot left. Also, we do have a couple of new items for sale - a plant holder and some leads and collars. Check out the web site for a look at these items.

Thanks again for your support.

Committee Reports**Membership—Karen Chesbro****New Members**

Wendy & Danny Ball
P. O. Box 1117
Nortonville, KY 42442
(Rick Day & Donna Jones)

Kayley Kovar
1152 Hattermann Lane
Welmar, TX 78962
(Rick Day & Donna Jones)

New Membership Applications (Sponsors)

Carol Dundulis
Britiani Road
Southbury, CT 06488
(Gerry Paolillo & Laura Purnell)

Tracy Lewellen
824 W. Broadway Street
Mishawaka, IN 46545
(Donna Braden & Joanne Rubin)

Sharon Hunkins
4210 Eastridge Drive
LaMesa, CA 91941
(Barbara Chappell & Kathie Vogel)

Sue Swindle
3007 E. North Street
Bellingham, WA 98226
(Sherry Watts & Robyn Orvos)

Gay Culpepper & Jerry Pound
1941 Aurora Drive E
Spanaway, WA 98387-8018
(Sherry Watts & Robyn Orvos)

All BFCAs members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Sandra Madia, 13631 Addison Street, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423-1411 by August 31, 2009.

Committee Reports

BFCA Rescue—Gail Antetomaso



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST Est. 2003 501C3

I want to begin our business report by introducing our Trustees for 2010 and 2011 Avanell Sikes, Judy McNamara, Donna Rogers, Lynn Ramich, Co-Chair Rescue and Gail Antetomaso, Co-Chair Rescue. Please support the work of our Trust, our Trustees and the volunteers that facilitate the rescue and a second chance for unwanted Bichons despite their origin. As members of the parent club and responsible breeders we are indeed “the keepers of our breed”

In this age of technology, much of the administrative work in rescue is done through our website at www.bichonrescue.org. The website contains a user friendly electronic form for people needing to relinquish an unwanted Bichon and an application for folks wanting to adopt. There is a volunteer contact directory for each state or area in which we have volunteers or independent rescue groups that we network with and a link to a petfinder site that posts some of the available rescues. In addition to the website, we use a computer generated telephone service that receives calls and faxes on a toll free rescue number 866 473-0722. When a call or fax is made or sent, we are notified by email. The email message we receive gives us the number, location date and time of receipt and we are able to enter the system to listen to the call or in the case of a fax download the document and print. Pretty amazing!

In 2009, we received 249 requests to assist Bichons in need through the website. Not all of the relinquishment requests to the website resulted in the dogs coming into rescue, some changed their minds or found homes on their own and some we had to be refused because they were not candidates for adoption or simply because we did not have volunteers in that area. The following table reflects the number of requests to relinquish Bichons by state in 2009:

AL	1	ID	1	MI	13	OH	23	UT	1
AR	1	IL	9	MN	4	OK	1	WA	9
CA	31	IN	12	MO	5	OR	2	WI	3
CO	2	KS	1	NC	6	PA	21		
FL	16	KY	3	NE	13	SC	1		
GA	12	LA	1	NJ	6	TN	2		
IA	2	MD/VA	24	NY	9	TX	12		

Committee Reports

Rescue Con't

Many requests come to us by telephone from owners and animal shelters. More than ninety percent of relinquished Bichons are from homes. Bichons taken from shelters pose additional challenges for rescue because there is little if any information about the health and background of the Bichon so volunteers are left to estimate age, general health and temperament. Often, small dogs are traumatized in a shelter environment making it difficult to tell if the dog is a candidate for adoption. It is not uncommon for shelters to contact rescue organizations when they have a dog that they cannot place and can be less than truthful about the temperament, age and health of the dog. Bichons come into rescue for a multitude of reasons but lack of housebreaking and economics are a major cause. It is becoming more and more common for owners to seek out rescue because they cannot afford to pay for veterinary procedures to correct life threatening issues like bladder stone surgery. These folks are making the difficult choice to relinquish the otherwise healthy beloved pet to save its life.

Our volunteers know Bichons and understand their needs. We have an email listserv for all our volunteers where the experienced ones can mentor the newbies, share concerns, and are there for moral support in good times and bad times. These dedicated volunteers go above and beyond in seeking out the best care for the cheapest cost and finding the best possible homes. We are proud of our small group and the group is small. We are grateful to Bichon Furkids in CA, Bratpack of Florida, Bichon Frise Rescue of Northern New Jersey, and Delaware Valley Bichon Rescue in Southern New Jersey and to Bichon Rescue of Virginia, for their hard work. Rescue needs volunteers in the central states especially in Michigan (very hard hit by the economy) Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. In order for BFCACT to provide much needed assistance nationwide, we need volunteers. If you are assisting in rescue for your regional breed club or independently we want to assist and we are a phone call away. For anyone willing to open up their hearts and homes or to assist in any way, you can contact Lynn Ramich, Gail Antetomaso or any of our Trustees.

Before taking a dog into the system we require that the owner's vet fax all the records for the dog, to gain a picture of past veterinary care and general health. Incoming Bichons are vetted at our expense by a licensed veterinarian. This exam includes a urinalysis because of the breed's propensity for UTI's and bladder stones, heartworm and Lyme disease test. Intact dogs are spayed/neutered and made current on core vaccines prior to placement. We request a donation from the relinquishing owner to help defray vet expenses, however when a dog is surrendered for economic reasons it is difficult for the owner to give a donation. One of the difficulties we face is trying to estimate what the vet expenses will be for each rescue because costs vary greatly from area to area and state to state. On the east coast MA, MD, VA, NY, CT, NJ, seem to have the most expensive vet costs. Bichon Furkids, a wonderful group covering most of CA, is having the same issues dealing with very high veterinary expenses. Cost for routine exams in other states where we have volunteers tend to be less expensive. We depend on our volunteers to approach vets in their area and ask for rescue discounts. Some vets are happy to work with us and discount their services from 10% to 50%. The average discount is probably 20%, of their usual fee. We have been successful using spay/neuter certificates in CT however in many areas the vets will not accept the certificates because they already discount services. It is safe to conclude that our money is being spent in areas that are taking more rescues and where veterinary expenses are highest.

Committee Reports

Rescue Con't, 2010 National Report

The reality is that, in an effort to help less fortunate Bichons, our rescue like other breed rescues depends on donations and volunteers. In the last two years, expenses continue to exceed donations; however, the Trust is fiscally healthy, at this time, thanks to fundraising done by Jill Siegel of MBFR and a generous \$5,000 gift made in January 2010 from the Kurt Feuerman Foundation. I would be remiss not to thank our volunteers who hosted fundraising projects last year. All of these efforts help keep us solvent.

In conclusion, the Trusts Regions Bank Money Market Account balances from our Monthly Statements January thru February 2010:

January 1, 2010	Beginning Balance	\$29,048.17
February 28, 2010	Ending Balance	\$30,621.05

Prepared and Submitted by Co-Chairs
Gail Antetomaso and Lynn Ramich

2010 National Specialty Kathy Loynachan

I can hardly believe that the Indy Specialty is now a part of our history. It was so good to see so many of you. I want to thank all of the members who worked so hard to make the specialty a success. I want to especially thank the BFCA board for their faith in me and for pitching in to help whenever there was a job that needed to be done.

Our board members do a great job of not only protecting this breed, but also at making the specialty a success. You all did a great job!

I hope you had a good time and are now making plans to go to Houston in 2011.

Committee Reports**ROM/ROMX—Sandra Madia****REGISTER OF MERIT / REGISTER OF MERIT EXCELLENT AWARDS
Submitted as of 07/20/2010****Congratulations to the following dogs that have been rewarded ROM titles:****ROM:****CH. Dorianns Tiger Lily (B)****OWNERS:**

Karen Graeber*, Carol Konik* & Michele Brosdal*

* Denotes BFCA Membership

Qualifications for ROM/ROMX

It is the responsibility of the Owner of a proposed dog to submit the required information to the ROM/ROMX Chairman for confirmation. The Owner must be a BFCA member in good standing. To be eligible for a Register of Merit (ROM) Award, the subject dog is to have been: the Sire of seven (7) or more, or the Dam of five (5) or more, Champions of Record. To be eligible for a Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) Award, the subject dog is to have been: the Sire of twenty-five (25) or more, or the Dam of ten (10) or more, Champions of Record. The progeny are to be Champions of Record, confirmed by AKC.

How to apply for your award:

To apply for your ROM/ROMX please submit the following two documents:

An AKC Progeny Report for the sire or dam, listing the Champions of Record available from the AKC On-Line Store for \$25.00; OR **publications** from AKC Gazette, AKC Awards, BFCA Banquet Awards Booklets or Bichon Reporters verifying the Champions of Record.

Copy of current AKC registration, showing all owners of the sire or dam

Note: If you are unable or unsure about obtaining the AKC Progeny Report, then you may submit your request with a copy of the current AKC registration and a non-refundable check for \$25.00. I will obtain the AKC Progeny Report and mail a copy to you.

Mail To:

Sandra J Madia, 13631 Addison Street, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423-1411
Phone: 818-784-4240 E-mail: sandraj@winning.com



July 25, 2010

I am sorry to have to report that we are having a hot spell like everyone else in the country; although it does cool off at night usually, which makes it nicer for sleeping.

Our club held its general election in April. The following are our new officers and board members:

OFFICERS:

- President..... Kay Mitchell
- Vice President..... Penny DeSafey
- Recording Secretary..... Diane Kato
- Treasurer..... Marsha Neilson
- Corresponding Secretary..... Kathy Meyer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Rosmarie Blood
- Claire Larrabee
- Tony Meyer
- Frank DeSafey

We are now getting prepared for our annual BICHON FRISE DAY IN THE PARK, which will be held on September 26th this year. We will have several activities, including different games, a costume contest, and our usual raffle. The raffle is one of the main items of interest; it seems like you spend a great deal of time walking around the raffle tables trying to decide which item you would like to try to win. It is interesting how our "Park Day" has grown; we have people from quite a distance away come with their Bichon friends. It is fun to visit with them and find out what is going on in their areas. Show and Pet Bichons all alike seem to enjoy their fun day, as do their "humans."

Submitted by:
Sally Mitchell



The Bichon Frise Club of San Diego

The BFCSD was well represented at the National Specialty in Indianapolis with seven members attending. Once home, we took a deep breath and then continued work on the 6th edition of the Pictorial Review. We are pleased to report it is coming along well and we anticipate availability in the fall. Keep your eyes open for emails that will have all the information you will need to order, in case you haven't already.

Next on our agenda is our first Agility Match. August 7th is the date and we are looking forward to this new experience. We have several members who are active agility participants as exhibitors and judges, so we thought it was time to jump in with both feet. We will report on this new endeavor in the next Bulletin.



The Chicagoland Bichon Frise Club has been focusing its efforts on meeting the requirements to be able to hold an independent specialty in 2011. Our club has met the minor requirements, but we need to have a major activity.

Our club has decided to attempt two “major” activities this year—holding an educational seminar and supporting rescue. Plans are in the works to have a seminar on holistic vet care, possibly to coincide with Responsible Dog Ownership month in September.

After a year and a half of inactivity in the rescue arena, all club members were polled and the vast majority supported doing rescue work in the Chicago area again. While not all members are able to foster dogs, most members are willing to help in some capacity—transporting, grooming, etc.

Our club is currently supporting a permanent foster. Vilia is a 12-year old rescue who owner passed away. She has had bladder stone surgery 3 or 4 times, is on a special diet, and she also takes medication for gall bladder sludge. Because of her age and health issues, Vilia is not adoptable, so she is living with me. In the month I have had her, we found out that she was taking thyroid medication unnecessarily, which caused her to eliminate in the house. After having her teeth cleaned, her breath is pleasant again. She now runs in the grass and barks at the neighbor dog.

Vilia’s former owner was a single lady who was a friend to two long-time breeders in this area, from who she had pet Bichons previously, before she got her first rescue dog. The woman had a number of Bichon items which her executor has agreed to donate to the club to be sold and the proceeds will be used for Vilia’s care. A donation from the estate for Vilia’s care is a possibility as well.

Our next specialty will be held in conjunction with the International Kennel Club show on Saturday, February, 26, 2011. We many also have an independent specialty later in 2011.

In April, we welcomed a new member, Betty Cullen. We have been able to hold meetings every other month this year, starting in February, and had a quorum at each meeting. Because our members physically live so far apart, having regular meetings has been difficult in previous years. We hope this trend continues. CBFC is becoming an active club again!

Nancy Muklewicz
President

You Are Invited To The
2011 BFCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY



WHEN -- MAY 4-8, 2011

WHERE -- Sheraton North Houston
Houston, TX

Details will be forthcoming.