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of America, Inc.  
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## Enclosures:

- 2018 Specialty 3rd Round Judge Selection Ballot
- Volunteer Form

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## President's Message—Judy McNamara

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The Specialty is right around the corner. By now all trophy donations and catalog ads should be in and T-shirts are on order. Banquet reservations need to be done. Be sure to take advantage of having your dogs' picture made with Santa, not every club has a professional, but we do! I hope hotel reservations are made as we have very limited space at the specialty price. When our limits are met rooms will be at the regular hotel price.

I hope you all voted in our judges' selection this year. Our judges are up to you so please remember to vote.

I know there are many wonderful items for our raffle and auction this year. I hope you will all have a wonderful time bidding and choosing from the great things that will be there. Rumor has it that there is also a big beard up for action also, don't miss the fun!

Many of you have been at the shows getting your dogs ready for the specialty and I know it will be a special two days for us all to enjoy seeing your exhibits! Come to Minneapolis and enjoy the Bichons and fellowship with old friends and why not make a few new ones too!

## Officer Reports—Diana McFarlane, Recording Secretary

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The 41<sup>st</sup> National Specialty is coming up fast. Be sure to get your hotel reservations by the 12th of April to get the special rate. Also, mark your calendars for exhibitor entry closing on April 6th. The Specialty is always a fun event. It would be great to see you all there.

Annual Membership Dues notices will be going out shortly after the specialty so please watch for the notice in your mail. Dues shall be due and payable on or before July 1st of each year. Dues received after September 30th will not be processed. A prompt renewal will be greatly appreciated. If you have any address, phone or email changes please submit them immediately to me to ensure accurate information on the notices. If you use Paypal and have an address change, I would appreciate an email with the details. My email address is [bfcarecordingsecretary@roadrunner.com](mailto:bfcarecordingsecretary@roadrunner.com).

A volunteer form is enclosed for anyone who would like to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2017 Board and Officer election. The form needs to be returned to me (see details on form) by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**LAST MINUTE REMINDER:** If any club member wishes to address the Board at the **BFCA Board Meeting** on Wednesday, May 4th, and you have not yet made arrangements to do so, please contact Judy McNamara immediately in order to be placed on the agenda and prepare a copy of your report for the board. Time is running out - so do it today!

Notice: The **Annual Meeting** will be held Thursday, May 5th at the Minneapolis-St Paul Airport Mall of America Hilton Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota. Board Ballots for Past Quarter

## Officer Reports—Diana McFarlane, Recording Secretary

### Ballot Proposals 2016 Spring Bulletin

Name	01-16B
Abbot, Matt	Approve
Andrew, Kathy	Approve
Antetomaso, Gail	Approve
Endo, Lillian	Approve
McFarlane, Diana	Approve
McNamara, Judy	Approve
Noonan, Nancy	Approve
Lynn Ramich	Approve
Scarborough, Shauna	N/A
John Wise	Approve
Myra Wotton	Approve

N/A - Not Available

Ballot 16B -- The BFCA shall spend \$613.18 for the Meet The Breed diorama at Eukanuba 2015.



## Officer Reports—Lillian Endo, Treasurer

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### BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA

#### Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement Beginning January 1, 2016 and Ending February 29, 2016

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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2015		\$47,625.91
<b>INCOME:</b>		
2016 National Specialty	\$2,189.00	
Sales	71.50	
Amazon Sales	275.84	
Dues	40.00	
Breeders Directory	425.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 3,001.34</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>		
2016 National Specialty	5,124.57	
Eukanuba	613.68	
AKC Dues	59.94	
Paypal	1.16	
Web Hosting	49.98	
2016 Agility Trials		
Ribbons	<u>310.78</u>	310.78
Total Expense		<u>6,160.11</u>
<b>NET GAIN/LOSS</b>		<b><u>(3,158.77)</u></b>
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE FEBRUARY 29, 2016		\$44,467.14
PAYPAL BALANCE		500.00
BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2015	55,179.25	
Interest Income	<u>3.60</u>	
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE FEBRUARY 29, 2016		55,182.85
<b>TOTAL FUNDS FEBRUARY 29, 2016</b>		<b>\$100,149.99</b>

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**LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER FEBRUARY 29, 2016**

## Committee Reports—Membership, Karen Chesbro

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### NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (Sponsors)

Donna DeMartini  
11475 Round House Court  
Gold River, CA 95670  
(Becky Buckman & Paul Flores)

*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 or [dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com](mailto:dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com) by **APRIL 20, 2016**.*

### **On-Line Judges Balloting Third and Final Ballot**

**You can vote on-line if you have a valid email address on file and have subscribed to [news@bichon.org](mailto:news@bichon.org) in Constant Contact. If you are continuing to receive mail from the BFCA via Constant Contact, you are subscribed. If you are not receiving mail, please contact me at [BFCARecordingSecretary@roadrunner.com](mailto:BFCARecordingSecretary@roadrunner.com) and instructions to subscribe to Constant Contact will be sent to you.**

**You will receive an email (household members will each receive an email). Each member should click on the link VOTE HERE in *their email* to vote. Be sure to sign your name or your vote will not count.**

## Committee Reports

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### MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please save the following in your biennial directory.

The online directory has been updated with the following address changes.

Paula Bender - email change to [pmbender12@gmail.com](mailto:pmbender12@gmail.com)

Nancy Noonan - email change to [galwaybichons@atlanticbb.net](mailto:galwaybichons@atlanticbb.net)

Anne Yocom - email change to [yoannewyn@aol.com](mailto:yoannewyn@aol.com)

Laura Purnell  
501 W 107th St  
Apt 356  
Kansas City, MO 64114  
816-569-2622  
No email at this time.

### Judges Selection Committee

Please note in this issue is the final round Ballot for the 2018 Specialty. We encourage everyone to participate in the selection process. You can be a participant if only as one who helps to select the judges that would make our Specialty proud.

#### THIRD ROUND PROCEDURES

1. The Third Round Ballot will go out in the BFCA Spring Business Bulletin.
2. The top three names from the Second Round Ballot will be listed on this ballot in alphabetical order.
3. Members shall vote for ONE ONLY! That is one (1) for Conformation and (1) for Sweepstakes.
4. PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AS ANY ERRORS COULD REMOVE YOUR BALLOT FROM CONSIDERATION.

Deadline for return of this ballot will be posted on the ballot and may require you to decide and vote quickly in order to have a result prior to the upcoming Board Meeting.



# Committee Reports—Rescue Financial Report, Matt Abbott

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## BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

Regions Bank Balance as of December 31, 2015      \$48,320.66

Regions Bank Balance as of March 24, 2016      \$41,839.64

### YEAR-TO-DATE AS OF March 24, 2016

#### INCOME

Pay Pal Transfer In	2,000.00
Contributions	461.37
AmazonSmile Contribution	56.14
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,517.51</b>

#### EXPENSES

Vet Expenses For Rescue	8,072.20
Emporium - Goods Purchased	457.11
Bichon Bash Expenses	425.00
Check Image Fee	20.00
Office Supplies	12.22
Web Site	12.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,998.53</b>

Prepared By Matt Abbott, BFC ACT Treasurer

## Committee Reports

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### REGISTER OF MERIT/REGISTER OF MERIT EXCELLENT AWARDS

Spring 2016 - Submitted as of 3/26/16

#### Congratulations to the following dogs that have been awarded ROMX titles:

#### ROMX

#### OWNER(S)

**CH Judges Choice High Ridge Righton**

**Mimi Winkler\***

*Note: \* Denotes BFCA member*

#### **Qualifications for ROM/ROMX**

It is the responsibility of the Owner of a proposed dog to submit the required information to the ROM/ROMX Chairperson for confirmation. The Owner must be a BFCA member in good standing.

To be eligible for a Register of Merit (ROM) title, the subject dog is to have been the sire of seven (7) or more Champions of Record or the dam of five (5) or more Champions of Record.

To be eligible for a Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) title, the subject dog is to have been the sire of twenty-five (25) or more Champions of Record or the dam of ten (10) or more Champions of Record.

#### **Application Process**

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

- 1) An AKC Progeny Report for the sire or dam, listing the Champions of Record available from the AKC On-Line Store or a copy of publications from the AKC Gazette, AKC Awards, BFCA Banquet Awards Booklets or Bichon Reporters verifying the Champions of Record.
- 2) A copy of current AKC registration, showing all owners of the sire or dam.

Mail or Email to : Stephanie Uva  
2015 E Vista Ave  
Phoenix, AZ 85020  
Phone: 904.654.5906  
[bellabichons@gmail.com](mailto:bellabichons@gmail.com)

## Committee Reports

# In Memoriam of B F C A Members



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

**Paula Agrusa—Massachusetts**

**Anna Fitch—Illinois**

### BFCA and AMAZON

Our partnership with Amazon is paying off. You have helped earn over \$50.00 for for the first two months of 2016 for the club--just by using the Amazon Partner link on our website.

Click this link [Amazon Shop](#) and add to your bookmarks or else go the [website](#), look for SHOP on the menu and click the Amazon/Partner page on the pulldown. As soon as you are at the page which says Hello Bichon above Your Account in the upper right, log on to your personal account and start shopping. The BFCA will get the credit and you will help the BFCA fund their National Specialties and other costs.

**This is at no cost to you and all purchases are anonymous.**

## Committee Reports

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### Log-on to Members Only

If you missed the BFCA Newsletter with the instructions for logging on, here is the information you need. You will need the email address that you used when you sent in your dues. Use the info up to (but not including) the @isp as your logon. Your password is bfca2015. You can change your password after you successfully logon. For example, your dues address is maryjones@aol.com. Your logon would be maryjones. Simple!

### 2016 National Specialty

I can't believe it's almost April already!! Which means in the blink of an eye, we'll all be in Minneapolis for our 41<sup>st</sup> National Specialty show!

Thanks to all the individuals who have volunteered their time and energy in order to make this year's National another success!!

I have something special planned for our Welcome Reception. Also, don't forget that we are having a second reception this year during which time SANTA will be there for pictures (Santa's photographer has indicated that she would be happy to take regular backdrop photos as well ie non Santa/holiday pics), and we will have a 50-50 raffle during this Santa Reception.

We have a great educational seminar planned with 2 guest speakers - one presenting valuable information on Bichon eye health and the other presenting valuable information on both male and female reproduction topics.

So come early to take advantage of all our planned activities and stay after (or come even earlier) and experience all that the Minneapolis/St. Paul area has to offer - from wildlife nature preserves to theatre/arts/museums to sports to shopping (FYI - Minnesota does not have sales tax on clothing/shoes/groceries)!

## Committee Reports

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Here are our fast approaching **Deadlines:**

April 1 - pre-order logo Merchandise

**\*\*\*\*\* APRIL 6 (noon Central time) - ENTRY DEADLINE \*\*\*\*\***

April 12 - Hotel Room Reservations at Group Rate

April 14 - Vendor/Booth Sales

April 20 - Canine Good Citizen Test Registration

April 25 - Seminar and Banquet as well as RV parking reservations

And don't forget to pre-register for SANTA pictures!

Don't forget all the Minnesota Fun Facts that have been published over the past few months - your memory just might be rewarded!!

Looking forward to seeing you in Minneapolis!!!!

Myra Wotton

Show Chair

**41st BFCA National Specialty  
May 6 & 7, 2016**

**Wishing for a Win in the  
North Star State!**



**MSP/St. Paul International Airport/MOA Hilton Hotel  
Bloomington, MN**