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The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc





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 Kathy Andrew, Corresponding Secretary
 Wendy Ball, Recording Secretary
 Lillian Endo, Treasurer

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 Guidelines for 2020 Specialty Judges
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President's Message

Fall is upon us with mild temperatures here in the Northeast. Our hearts go out to all those affected by the flooding from the hurricane in the southwest and devastation caused by fires in California.

Judges nominating ballots will be included in this month's issue of the bulletin. There is a list of members who do not wish to judge at this time. Ballots will also be sent electronically and the new breeder's directory sign up form is also included in this issue.

The 2018 specialty is in Tucson, Arizona May 1st - 4th and our host hotel is the Double Tree Hilton-Reid Park. Make sure to read all about the specialty in our show chairs report.

A constant contact communication was recently sent giving you a heads up to look for the new ethics guidelines recently adopted by our board. We believe the new Code of Ethics addresses some of the issues we all, as BFCA members, care about. The new document will be provided to all new applicants for membership and will be published annually in the Bulletin.

We are in prime time for shows and in the words of our past president Judy.... "may you all have many winner's ribbons to bring home"!

Gail Antetomaso

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

May 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017

The Corresponding Secretary is mainly responsible for receiving printed and e-mailed correspondence from organizations and the general public. It is either then sent to the President for direction and dissolution and/or to the BFCA Committee or Chairman involved. If directed, he/she then responds to the inquiry. All is saved on a flash drive and/or in hard copy form to be turned over to the Recording Secretary for preservation. Typical types of correspondence received include:

- AKC Event Correspondence and Notices.
- AKC Club Officers Report.
- Eukanuba and Meet-The-Breeds Information and Invitations.
- Kennel Clubs wishing Specialty information and data.
- Magazines looking for article and ad support.
- Commercial enterprises looking for BFCA business.
- Non-Profit organizations wanting donations.
- John Q. Public letters wanting breed information.
- John Q. Public inquiries with complaints about breeders. Response to inquiries are handled via e-mail, phone, or letter. Also, each year Crufts Invitation Certificates are mailed to the owners of our National Specialty's Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, Best Bred-By-Exhibitor, Award of Merit and Select winners.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Andrew

Recording Secretary Report

Time has not stood still since the Nationals and Fall is here. Tucson will be here before we know it, so start getting your kids ready.

MEMBERSHIP:

Just want to remind everyone and our new members that it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to keep me informed and the club of any changes you might have to your current information, i.e. address, email or phone number. If you have any changes please contact me at bichonbabe@mchsi.com or 270-871-5015.

Wendy Ball

Recording Secretary

BOARD BALLOTS

BALLOT FOR JULY 2017

Ballot: 07-17A AKC Parent Club Medallions (July 2017)

The BFCA shall purchase a total of 3 AKC Parent Club Medallions for the AKC National Championship, AKC Obedience and Agility for a total cost of \$215.00

Vote was unanimous, but votes were as follows:

Abbott, Matt	Approved
Andrew, Kathy	Approved
Antetomaso, Gail	Approved
Ball, Wendy	Approved
Endo, Lillian	Approved
Hollan, Debbie	Approve
McFarlane, Diana	Approved
McNamara, Judy	Approved
Ramich, Lynn	Approved
Wise, John	Approved
Wotton, Myra	Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Ball

BFCA recording secretary

BALLOTS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2017

NAME	08-17A	09-17A
Abbott, Matt	Approved	DNA
Andrew, Kathy	Approved	Approved
Antetomaso, Gail	Approved	Approved
Ball, Wendy	Approved	Approved
Endo, Lillian	Approved	Approved
Hollan, Debbie	Approved	DNA
McFarlane, Diana	Approved	Approved
McNamara, Judy	Approved	Approved
Ramich, Lynn	Approved	Approved
Wise, John	Approved	Approved
Wotton, Myra	Approved	Approved

Ballot 08-17A The BFCA Board approved the current updated Code of Ethics.

Ballot 09-17A The BFCA Board voted to donate \$500 to the AKC Reunite Challenge Grant from Barbara and Bob Amen (Delegate, Greater St. Louis Training Club),

Which will match donations to AKC Reunite's Pet Disaster Relief Fund up to \$10,000 total to support efforts for the families and pets in Texas and Louisiana affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Ball, BFCA Recording Secretary

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA

Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending September 30, 2017

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2017	\$53,788.43
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INCOME:

2017 National Specialty	\$ 3,581.00
Sales	160.16
Amazon Sales	138.77
Membership Dues	4,538.60
Returned Check Reimbursement	12.00

Health Donation	<u>1,090.00</u>	1,090.00
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TOTAL INCOME	\$ 9,520.53
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EXPENSE:

2017 National Specialty	781.16
2018 National Specialty	150.00
Bulletin Expenses	139.65
Judges Education	72.34
AKC Delegate	684.79
Paypal	69.51
Sales	545.69
AKC Medallions	215.00
AKC Meet the Breeds	110.00
IRS Tax Return Prep	500.00
FTB Tax Return	10.00
Stamps	48.75
Returned Check	45.00
Returned Check Fee	12.00
Postage Fee	3.21
Breeder Referral	106.80

Agility 2017 AKC	<u>300.00</u>	300.00
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Health Website	32.97	
Paypal	<u>2.78</u>	35.75

Total Expense	<u>3,829.65</u>
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NET GAIN/LOSS	5,690.88
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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2017	\$59,479.31
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PAYPAL BALANCE	500.00
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BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE JUNE 30, 2017	55,212.14
Interest Income	<u>5.49</u>
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2017	55,217.63

TOTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2017	\$115,196.94
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LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

AKC DELEGATE

June 2017

Toby Frisch, BFCA Delegate

Thank you for inviting me to do this job for BFCA. The meeting started with sadness upon hearing that Steve Gladstone, AKC Board member and delegate, had passed away while judging in Australia.

I was able to attend two of the committee meetings on Monday - Parent Club and All Breed Club meetings. I attended the Parent Club meeting and there was much talk on the AKC Market Place. Some of the parent clubs are unhappy about the pictures that are allowed of their breed. Some of these pictures have disqualifying features. It was reported that the AKC Market Place site would have a link to the Parent Club and have it as the first reference when someone is searching the Market Place. Market place should have the Parent Club breed referral on the site. It is the Parent Club who can educate the public. The Parent Club should get the first place on the ad page and this would be free to the Parent Club.

At the All Breed Club meeting it was suggested the Treasurers be bonded and 59% of clubs conform. Another suggestion was to have an Audit committee and have the books done yearly. The clubs should buy laptop computers and pass them on to new treasurers. Another suggestion was when checks are for a large amount two signatures. Also make a list of what the club owns and where the items are kept. Make budget - one for the club and one for the specialty.

The next day there was a Forum with the topic "Dealing with Misconduct". There were 19,638 events held with 142 event hearings. Presentation was very well done and lots of situations were mentioned and how to deal with them. Knowing the procedures outlines in the Dealing with Misconduct is so important; and if these events are not held properly it can be lots of problems and in some cases fines for the clubs. This booklet is a must-have on show grounds for every show and extras to give out to people who are involved in the problem.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 6 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, which would include the eligible Best of Breed and Best of Variety non-regular class entrants in the calculation of Grand Championship points. Currently dogs that win Best of Breed or Opposite Sex and Select from a non-regular class (such as Veterans) can earn Grand Championship points but are not included in the count for Grand Championship. This passed.

Other items having to do with Beagle Federations were talked about.

Some of the items were very interesting and other items were... until next time.

AKC DELEGATE

September 2017

Toby Frisch, BFCA Delegate

This was the 16th anniversary of the attack of the World Trade Center, which was noted with a moment of silence at the meeting that day and at the regular Delegate Meeting on Tuesday. It was just after the horrible hurricanes.

I attended the Parent Club meeting and much was talked about the trailers for Texas and over \$70,000 in donations that were collected.

Marketplace had a rise of 21% for litter registration. The fee for placing an ad in Marketplace is \$29 per litter.

At the All Breeds committee a presentation was given for club finances. All breed clubs should have oversight of the treasurer that ensures transparency. A treasurer's report should be given in writing and backed up with bank statements. All club treasurers should be bonded and insured. Clubs should maintain liability insurance in the amount of \$2 million dollars.

The Parent Club was told that AKC Museum would archive records of their clubs.

At the Delegate Meeting on Tuesday new Delegates were introduced. A report on the finances of AKC was given. Total Revenue was \$3.8 million, which is a 10% increase. Registration is up 6% - \$1.2 million and Recording events fees \$227,000 up 3%. Interest and Dividends was at \$109,000 up 20%

There will be a new website for AKC (again) sometime this fall. AKC.org is the 2nd most ranked dog website with over 51 million visitors so far in 2017.

There was a vote on an amendment to Ch 16 section 6 that would include the dog awarded select Dog/Bitch in the calculation of the Grand Championship points for that award-
PASSED



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

There is a famous line from Godfather III - *Michael Corleone*: "Just when I thought I was out... they pull me back in!" Well, I'm back! When Gail was elected BFCA President, she told me to get my butt back into rescue. Lucky me!!!

We had our Annual Bichon Bash in September. As always, it was a success. Didn't have as many participants but that is the way these things go. We made \$8,250 after expenses. Kudos go to Zandra Kern, new BFCA member Merry Nicole Meyer and the MD/VA volunteers. They do a terrific and a hard job each year that includes putting up a temporary fence so the dogs can be off lead. If you want a good chuckle, here is a link to a Bichon Eye-View of the Bash: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnXluOkMGrl&t=72s>.

For the past five years or so, all we have been getting are older dogs. It seems they were always 10-12 years old. Thank the rescue angels that we were able to place them. Lately, we have been getting in younger dogs. We even took in a two year old, which caused us to break open a bottle of wine! Naturally, it hadn't had any vaccines and was intact. This seems to be the trend lately. Another problem we saw were juvenile cataracts. Our policy is, if the dog isn't in pain and can see otherwise, we don't do cataract surgery. What do we get? Young dogs that are blind due to cataracts. So, we do the surgery. Two dogs had to have an eye removed because of trauma or lack of care. Lots of dentals. That seems to be our big surgery this Summer. Only had two bladder stone surgeries. We placed 50 dogs so far this year. We have seven in foster care and one permanent resident.

Had to put one 9-year-old male down due to temperament. He bit twice and never signaled the bites. He would be happy and next minute, biting. Always makes us sad when we can't save one.

Vetting is getting more expensive. The day of \$85 spays are way behind us. Average office visit is \$50 and that just includes a physical. Anything extra is added, down to syringe disposal. We are lucky if the vet gives us a discount. We have been losing money on all the dogs. Thankful for the Bash and our followers for their donations. We also have been placing dogs with adopters doing the vetting themselves and we get a nominal placement fee. We are having a Pampered Chef fundraiser. We get money from Pampered Chef and Dawn Robertson, one of our volunteers, donates her income from the sales. If you have used Pampered Chef, here is a way to help rescue. If you have never used it, you don't know what you are missing. Fundraiser starts October 15 to November 5.

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/pws/dawnthecook/guest-landing/9097558768795>

We also are part of Rover, if you need a sitter, walker, etc. We get a portion of the fee. That URL is:

<https://www.rover.com/shelters/bichon-frise-club-america>

Lynn Ramich

BFCA Board of Directors

BFCAC Co-chair and Trustee



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

Regions Bank Balance as of December 31, 2016 \$32,778.81

Regions Bank Balance as of September 30, 2017 \$40,170.81

YEAR-TO-DATE AS OF September 30, 2017

INCOME

Pay Pal Transfer From	27,800.00
Bash Receipts	4,526.50
Contribution	4,329.16
Emporium - Gross Receipts	3,888.67
Adoption Rescue	1,325.00
National Specialty Rescue Auction	560.13
Amazon Donation	180.35

TOTAL INCOME	42,609.81
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EXPENSES

Vet Expenses For Rescue	29,299.81
Emporium - Goods Purchased	1,623.98
Expenses for Rescued Bichons	1,200.26
Bash Expenses	850.00
Insurance	650.00
Tax Return Preparation	500.00
Telephone Answering System	390.78
Web Site	259.90
Supplies For Emporium	227.49
Office Supplies	105.59
Check Image Fee	60.00
Training Expenses For Rescue	50.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	35,217.81
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Prepared by Matt Abbott, BFCAT Treasurer

Judges Education Report

The following names are the only approved Bichon Frise Mentors...They have been approved by the AKC and the BFCA...

I am so pleased that our latest power point program has been received with such positive feedback...

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me...

Thanks,

Mimi Winkler

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Bichon Frise Club of Northern New Jersey

The Bichon Frise Club of NNJ had their 1st meeting in September with a great turn out. We planned a bust year starting with the October Howl o ween Bichon costume party. It will be followed by a program offered by the American Animal Hospital on Holistic Pet Care in November. Our annual holiday luncheon will be held December 3, and is always fun and cheer for members! For 2018 we will be busy with Meet The Breeds in February and our stand alone specialty in March. We have our judges in place and details will be posted on our club's website soon. Election of officers biannually will take place for January . We want to thank our current officers Pres. Danelle Garino, VP Karen Graeber, Secretary Leslie Picinich, and Treasurer Andrea Helmstetter for their service for the last 2 years.

Karen Graeber

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Bichon Frise Club of Western Pennsylvania

The Bichon Frise Club of Western Pennsylvania (BFCWPA) held their 2nd annual "*Doggie Day Out*" Pet Fair on Sunday, October 1st. It was held at a training center in Oakmont, PA and ran from Noon to 4 PM. All breeds of dogs were welcome with their owners. The BFCWPA sponsored a table where information on Bichons was distributed, along with general information from the AKC on selecting the right dog and how to be a responsible dog owner. There were demonstrations by Bichons & their handlers on Rally, Trick Dog, Agility, Dancing; and, a speaker on Therapy Dogs. A veterinarian group was available to speak on various medical issues. A 50/50 & Chinese Auction raffle of prize baskets was also held. A percentage of the proceeds went toward canine cancer research. Our Bichons were busy meeting & greeting & performing and were all ready for a nap at the end of the day.

Mary Ann Birsa



September A Match

Friday, September 22, the Rocky Mountain Bichon Frise Club held our final A Match in conjunction with the Arapahoe Kennel Club show in Aurora, CO. Ms. Cindy Knox who was also the Show Chairman for the Arapahoe show judged the match. We are pleased to announce that AKC has given us the okay to submit a presentation for advancement to a licensed level event.

Christmas Lunch



Lots of fun and laughter as we met at a local restaurant for a Christmas get together.



Lindsay Van Keuren and Janice Hubbell are on a roll.



Dog Barkery

In March Shelly Zobolas hosted a dog barkery party. Several dog biscuit recipe cards were handed out to all the participants. A few human snacks for us and we were mixing and rolling out healthy treats to take home.



Mary Provost in her Bichon apron is bagging the cookies she made.



SAVE THE DATE!
Fiesta Time In Tucson!

Double Tree By Hilton – Reid Park Hotel

Room Rate \$109.00 Double/Single

TUESDAY MAY 1st – Registration & Evening Hospitality

WEDNESDAY MAY 2nd – Seminar/Webinar By Dr. Jean Dodds

BFCA Annual Meeting

Awards Banquet

THURSDAY MAY 3rd - Obedience & Rally – Judge Nancy Grimm

4-6 Month Puppy – Beverly Andersen

Sweepstakes – Karen Graeber

Parade of Title Holders

Special Attraction Bred-By-Exhibitor – Rick Day

FRIDAY MAY 4TH - Junior Showmanship – Judge Beverly Andersen

Conformation – Judge Luc Boileau