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The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.





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October 20

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Minutes of the 54th Annual Meeting of The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.

MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Tucson, AZ

Roll Call

Abbott, Matt
Allen, Rosyln
Anderson, Ben
Andrew, Kathy
Antetomaso, Gail
Ball, Wendy
Beckham, Judy
Bellinger, Angela
Blair, Cheryl
Blanding, Mayno
Carlton, Lorrie
Dickens, Lindsey
Endo, Lillian
Feldman, Sheila
Fellbaum, Carol
Fry, Lee
Gibb, Debra
Graeber, Karen
Greenway, Sandra
Hamilton, Shirley

Hanson,, Kieth
Hanson, Sandra
Hartmann, George
Hartmann, Janet
Hendricks, Paula
Hollan, Debbie
Housman, Tasheena
Humphrey, Ginny
Hunter, Dale
Jamison,, Janet
Kennedy, Sherri
Kern, Zandra I.
Letsche, DVM, Larry
Mathog, Deena
McAllister, Patricia
McDonald, Nancy
McKay, Heather
Meyer, Merry Nicole
Moellenbeck, Charlotte
Moore, Anthony

Moore, Shannon
Newton, Shyla
Noonan, Nancy
Paulson, Karen
Potts, Terrell
Provost, Mary
Ribble, Betty
Rowe, PhD, Linda
Rubin, Joanne
Shetzer, Alan
Shetzer, Jan
Swindle, Sue
Taylor, Dina
Thompson, Carole
Van Keuren, Lindsay
Winkler, Mimi
Wise, John
Wotton, Myra
Zelek, Lauren G.

Showing a total of 59 members in attendance.

Call to Order

With a quorum present, the 54th Annual Meeting of the Bichon Frise Club of America was called to order by President, Gail Antetomaso, at 1:15PM.

President's Opening Remarks - Gail Antetomaso. Gail told the members that the hotel was great to work with and gave special thanks to Lorrie Carlton, Larry Letsche and Kayley Kovar for all the fun activities last night at the Welcome Night gathering. Thanks to Lillian Endo and Kathy Andrew co-chairs of this Specialty. Thanks to the Board after our normal meeting yesterday. Missing were Diana McFarlane, Judy McNamara (we did have her on phone) and Lynn Ramich.

Gail welcomed our new members and asked them and their sponsors to stand, Ginny Humphrey (sponsored by Deena Mathog & Nancy Noonan), Merry Nicole Meyer (sponsored by Debbi Lamb & Lynn Ramich), Kathy Puerner (sponsored by Vickie Halstead & Shirley Hamilton), Dina Taylor (sponsored by Sheri Kennedy & Sue Swindle), Tasheena Housman (sponsored by Karen Paulson & Sue Swindle).

Report from the Board - Gail Antetomaso

- In order to assist our very capable & overworked Communications Chair, Diana McFarlane, the Board voted to appoint a co-chair to assist. So if anyone here would like to volunteer to assist Diana, please see or contact Gail.
- The Communications Committee will investigate the use of an outside web service company to maintain the BFCA website and report their findings to the Board.
- The Board is happy to announce a drawing at the 2019 Banquet for every paid banquet attendee will get 1 ticket for the drawing. The prize will be 2 nights hotel room for the following year's (2020) National Specialty. There will be 1 winner and the prize is not transferable.

Gail is pleased to announce the Judges for the 2020 Specialty are:

Conformation: John Hutchison

Sweepstakes: Kayley Kovar

Special Attraction BBE: Joanne Rubin

The Board is aware of the chatter on Facebook; we want to make the members and everyone aware that both members and non-members are encouraged to get involved and volunteer. All events are open to everyone, except the Annual Membership Meeting and to vote. Please feel free to encourage all your Bichon friends and companion puppy buyers to attend our National Specialties. Right now we are looking for volunteers for a few of the current positions. First I'd like to thank Stephanie Uva for all her hard work and dedication with taking care of all the parchments. So we need a volunteer for that position. I'd also like to thank Shauna Scarborough for her dedication on working on the Membership Directory. This position will need to be filled, as the next directory will go out in 2020. Anyone wanting to volunteer should contact Gail.

Reports from the Secretaries - will be published in the Summer Bulletin.

Treasurer's Report - Lillian Endo

The report ends on 4/15/18, but a detailed report will be published in the Summer Bulletin. The "tentative" report shows an income of \$57,001.82 and total expenses of \$49,261.84 with a net gain of \$7,739.98. Total funds as of 4/15/18 were \$112,366.07. Lillian will transfer \$5,000 from checking to savings. AKC requires 2 years of reserve for specialties at \$30,000 per year for total of \$60,000.

Judges Selection Committee - Diana McFarlane

Diana was unable to attend due to health issues. The electronic ballot is working well and we encourage more people to use it. Concerns over husband and wife not being able to vote online have been fixed per Diana.

Rescue Committee - Zandra I. Kern & Merry Nicole Meyer

Zandra advised for 2017 the BFCAT rescued and placed 74 bichons so far for 2018 they've taken in 34 bichons. She is happy to report Lynn Ramich is back as co-chair of rescue. We have a new treasurer, Nancy Muklewicz who lives in IL and is active in agility. BFCAT has absorbed the BratPack Rescue of Florida. We have new volunteers further west. Our rescues continue to be over 7 years old with medical issues. Our largest expenses are for dentals, bladder stones and cataracts.

Our largest fundraiser is our Bichon Bash, which in 2017 raised over \$8,000 for rescue. This year's Bash will be held Sunday, September 16, 2018, at Bull Run Park in Manassas, VA. Our goal this year is to revamp our website. Mary Nicole Meyer is in charge of sales for the Emporium, which is very profitable for rescue. She is also taking on sales for the BFCA for Kathy Loynachan. We would like to thank Roz Allen for the Rescue Dog Video.

Mimi suggested Thursday's raffle be for Rescue Only.

Merry Nicole Meyer runs the emporium for rescue which is profitable and makes approx.. \$3,000 profit. They have whimsical bichon items. Our website is bichonrescue.org, or on Facebook we are Bichon Frise Charitable Trust. Merry Nicole is working with her local jeweler who does head studies of children, she is working on possibly getting head studies of your own dogs done. We have more watercolor notecards and are open to any suggestions.

Agility - Shirley Hamilton

This year's top 25 Agility Bichons: the top dog is Mickey, 2nd is Gibbs, 4 others in the Top 10 are either bred or bred/owned by BFCA members. AKC allows instead of 330 runs a day to 350 runs. Our judge was fun this year. We had 6 MACH (Master Agility Champion) awards sponsored High-in-Trial Bichons and we had 8 Bichons. Kathy Kerner won. We have a massage therapist for dogs and a chiropractor comes on Sundays for the participants. Even though the trials are in Minnesota, the money goes back to BFCA. Special thanks to my husband, Dick Hamilton, for all his help. Also, thanks to Rick Mackas (sp?) for being my co-chair, he is going to be chair and I'm going to be co-chair. So if anyone is interested in participating contact Rick.

Gail wanted the members know we have Agility due to the dedication of Shirley and Dick Hamilton and their hard work

Sheila Feldman suggested using 4-H'ers for agility, but cautioned on starting puppies too early in age.

Health Committee - Nancy McDonald

The Committee Report will be in the Summer Bulletin. Nancy advised the website was almost updated and running. The HC has several fundraisers at this year's specialty.

- An original painting by the late Diane Ayers
- An original piece of artwork by Lorrie Carlton's mother of a Bichon with a baby
- A bichon pendant by Lisa Welch, thanks to the hard work of Deena Mathog.
- Copies of John Hutchison's book to sell

The committee wants to give a warning of Valley Fever a fungus in Arizona this time of year. There is a 7-21 day incubation period and it involves both people and dogs. If either gets a dry hacking cough be sure to advise medical personnel that you have been to Tucson. A special thanks to the BFCA for all your support.

Specialty Report - Lillian Endo

The hotel is happy to have us and really good to work with. Kayley Kovar gave a poop report and advised that after walking the grounds it appears Bichon peeps are doing a good job cleaning up after ourselves; however, the other guests with dogs on the property are not doing such a good job. She advised to keep your dogs away from the cacti due to possible injuries. Lillian advised the restaurant was offering specials at lunch for either eat-in or takeout. There is free coffee from 6AM-10AM at the entrance to the restaurant. Special thanks to Kayley for all her help along with Judy Beckham for putting together the welcome bags. Lorrie, Kayley and Shannon did a great job last night with the handling class. Thanks to Roz Allen for the pictures at the Welcome Night. The grooming area will open at 3pm today to set up.

Judges Education will be held where the Welcome Night was held.

2019 Specialty - Debbie Hollan

“**Magic in Orlando**” is the theme, artwork done by Lindsey Dickens. The dates of the 2019 Specialty will be May 2 & 3, 2019 at the Sheraton Orlando North at a rate of \$126 plus taxes per night including 3 days before or after for those that wish to vacation and visit the parks. We will have a Best Owner-Handled in the Specialty. Next year we will start a series of grooming lessons (2 separate seminars i.e. Tuesday afternoon will be a 2-3 hours on products and their uses, then Wednesday instead of a seminar a hands-on scissoring session. The scissoring session will be limited to 15 people by closing date with and audited priced spectators section). 2020 will involve head grooming. 2021 will be corrective grooming sessions. A suggestion of possible auction of the hands-on slot). All volunteers are welcome. The Judges for 2019 are:

Conformation: Pauline Johns

Sweepstakes: Maggie Hyde

Special Attraction BBE: Mayno Blanding

Future Specialties - Myra Wotton

Reference recent talk about the locations and hotel selections and pricing. Myra passed out copies of a letter from Susan Francois with HelmsBriscoe ref: the process she goes through to select hotels and locations. If you have issues with booking your reservations contact a Board Member to possibly resolve the issue, before paying a higher price. Hotels are starting to limit the number of dogs in a room, i.e., 4 dogs per room, we will attempt to see if the hotel will assist by allowing a large suite at our group rates.

Special Recognition - Gail Antetomaso

The BFCA wants to congratulate our members Lorrie Carlton, Larry Letsche, DVM, and Lindsay Van Kuern on the fantastic win at the 2018 Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show with Flynn the Bichon.

Ideas for Future Specialties - Membership

Mimi Winkler gave out information from the Great Dane Club of possibly doing a Futurity.

Lorrie Carlton suggested an email blast via Canine Chronicle on recent Table Talk to get info out.

Carol Fellbaum suggested a possible Top 20, Lorrie suggested possible Top 20 instead of the raffles.

Ideas of an open raffle and do an online auction.

Kayley opened up on possible Top 10 to set criteria for 10 more dogs.

Mayno suggested having just a pickup for the raffle items rather than calling out the winners.

Betty Ribble suggested bringing back the campaign style buttons “My Dog Made the Cut at The National Specialty”. See Betty and her button.

Lorrie suggested putting the ideas together and presenting to the Board.

Motion to adjourn by Debbie Hollan, 2nd by Lee Fry, passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Ball

BFCA Recording Secretary

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA**Treasurer's Report****Financial Statement Beginning May 1, 2017 and Ending April 30, 2018**

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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 30, 2017**\$39,677.87****INCOME:**

2017 National Specialty	\$19,939.87
2018 National Specialty	14,848.00
Sales	407.48
Amazon Sales	556.54
Membership Dues	8,525.29
Application Fee	120.00
Returned Check Reimbursement	12.00
Breeder Directory	2,540.00

Health

Donation	4,000.91
Sales	3,048.23
Raffle-Bingo	135.00
Silent Auction	250.00
Purina	<u>360.47</u>

7,794.61

Agility 2017

Entry Fees	14,445.00
Donation	465.00
Raffle	<u>565.00</u>

15,475.00

TOTAL INCOME**\$70,218.79****EXPENSE:**

2017 National Specialty	21,739.17
2018 National Specialty	3,223.88
2019 National Specialty	1,000.00
Bulletin Expenses	840.01
Recording Secretary Expense	228.89
Judges Education	376.55
AKC Delegate	1,825.46
Sales	661.48
AKC Medallions	215.00
AKC Meet the Breeds-Electricity	110.00
AKC Meet the Breeds Booth	466.72
AKC Club Flier Dues	59.55
IRS Tax Return Prep	500.00
FTB Tax Return	10.00
Printing & Mailing Directory	688.39
Stamps	48.75
Returned Check	45.00
Returned Check Fee	12.00
Postage Fee	19.48
Breeder Referral	106.80
Constant Contact	353.60

Bichon Frise Club of America **BREEDER REFERRAL REPORT**

May 1, 2017 - April 30, 2018

by the

Breeder & Information Source Committee

Nancy Noonan (Coordinator), Kathy Andrew, Susan Levine & Kathy Loynachan

Phone: 860-405-5215

E-Mail: bfcabreeder@comcast.net

Annual Cost: \$106.80

ACTIVITY BREAKDOWN

Month	E-Mail	Calls – No Message	Calls – Left Message
May 2017	9	7	7
June 2017	7	7	7
July 2017	6	5	8
August 2017	8	2	3
September 2017	4	5	10
October 2017	6	2	2
November 2017	3	1	7
December 2017	11	0	10
January 2018	10	2	2
February 2018	7	1	4
March 2018	13	2	5
April 2018**	5	1	4
TOTALS	89	35	69

* The Voice Mail Message refers callers to the BFCA website.

** Since this report was requested in mid-April 2018, the April stats reflect only ½ month activity.

Summary Stats:

- This activity breakdown is only for the BFCA Breeder Referral phone and e-mail address, plus those inquiries coming from our listing on the AKC website. Occasionally, the webmaster gets some inquiries which she (Diana) forwards to me for reply. The breakdown does not reflect any of the follow-up contacts.
- The average initial conversation lasts between 10 and 25 minutes. It has been the committee's privilege to help educate folks about the information found on the BFCA website and to excite them about our fantastic breed. Thank you for this continued opportunity to be educators.

The Breeder Directory has 2 less listings than last year. Revenue was \$2540.00. The overall volume of inquiries was up 80%. As we know, AKC continues to report that registered bichon litters are still declining and the popularity of the breed has waned. However, with the bichon winning Westminster this year, inquiries and litters may well be on the rise.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Noonan

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Administrator

Karen Chesbro

May 1, 2017 – May 1, 2018

Once again, the majority of this year's inquiries resulted in applications received and all but one were ultimately approved for membership. There are always a couple of inquiries from people who have just acquired their first pet Bichon and are anxious for knowledge about the breed, so they inquire about membership in the BFCA. I try to refer them to the local club closest to them for experience and to be mentored for possible membership at the National level at a later date. Below are last year's and this year's numbers for comparison.

	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>
New Members Welcomed.....	10	4
Unsuccessful applicants	1	1
Applications being processed.....	3	2

Occasionally an applicant chooses to withdraw their application before the end of the process in order to gain more experience and to further comply with the Requirements and Guidelines, thereby enhancing their chances for approval of their application at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Chesbro

Membership Administrator

Some Observations for your Consideration

By Andrew (Gene) Mills, Conformation Judge

First, I enjoyed seeing and going over one of the best lineups of our breed that I've seen in years.

We all know that the standard for any breed is a definition of a perfect dog to which all specimens of the breed are compared on the day. As a Breeder, and one of those that help rewrite our standard for the BFCA with my dear friend, Richard Beauchamp, I feel a deep obligation to adhere to that standard.

Regarding the entry, I can honestly say that I did not see one dog that I did not appreciate. BUT, there was not an abundance of specimens that caught my eye. You know what I mean; you've all seen it; a dog walks into the ring and you can't take your eyes off it.

What I consider to be the starting point, and most important issue facing our breed, is the overall balance as to the make and shape, size and proportions.

Throughout the classes, I placed each entry based on the overall qualities in order of importance they offered to the breed.

The overall construction of a dog is far more important to me than a pretty face. I'm not saying that the head is not important. I'm saying a pretty face on a long, low dog offers very little to our breed.

Our breed standard is one of the most difficult to accomplish, because it gives precise measurements to size, proportion and substance.

It's also a difficult breed to judge. Reason being, because of those precise measurements throughout the standard: Size 9½ to 12. Proportion ¼ or 25% longer than the height. Body ½ that of withers to ground. Substance. Head 3 as to 5, and neck 1/3 of the body length.

Some observations

In my opinion we need to pay closer attention to proportions, length of body to height. A 12-inch dog should be only 3 inches longer from point of chest to point of rump, the Bichon is a very short-backed dog. I saw lack of layback of shoulder and short upper arms. Our grooming has become very creative. The trimming of the neck to the middle of the back to make the dog appear shorter doesn't really hide a long back, or a dog short on leg to a breeder judge.

I'm surprised at the number of breeders that when discussing the near equilateral triangle of the muzzle, believe that the nose is included in that triangle, when the standard states that it is to the nose, not to the tip of the nose.

Has the breed improved over the years? You bet it has. You can be very proud of your accomplishments.

Something for you to consider

Those who best understand our standard, are our Breeders and our Breeder Judges. Breeder Judges or Breeders should be the only ones asked to judge the National Specialties, as do a lot of Parent Clubs.

I thank you for this opportunity. Much success to you all.

Andrew (Gene) Mills

Sweepstakes Review

By Karen Graeber

It was such an honor to be able to judge all the puppies this year at the Bichon National 2018. The quality of the dogs was outstanding. The one thing I did notice was that many pups had not learned how to use their fronts or were a little short-armed, thus having a very short stride. The pigments were terrific and ALL the personalities were SO TYPEY of our happy bichons. It is so nice to see happy tails and sweet faces on our future champions. I hope that the membership affords me this incredible honor of judging again in the future.

Puppy Dogs, 6 Mos & Under 8 Mos: (7) BELLA ALLURE SWIMMING WITH THE SHARKS AT FOUROAKS - What can I say about this little boy that owned the ring with his personality and for such a young dog was terrific.

Puppy Dogs, 8 Mos & Under 10 Mos: (5) AME JUMELLE LANNISTER - Both dogs were very nice, but 1st place used his body to the max for a pup.

Junior Dogs, 12 Mos & Under 14 Mos: (19) LUVIT DALNAVERT AWESOME ICE STORM - For a young male this boy had it all together. Amazing coat, pigment, and big movement.

Junior Dogs, 14 Mos & Under 16 Mos: (23) BELLE CREEK'S ORANGE CRUSH OF DIMARTINI'S - Both dogs were very nice; however, 1st place had a well-developed chest and was so very typey.

Junior Dogs, 16 Mos & Under 18 Mos: (21) ABSOLUTELY AGAPE HAPPY TALK - There was no doubt in this class that 1st place was in it to win it. That morning he showed his heart out and was a total package. 2nd place was a lovely dog with nice movement.

Puppy Bitches, 6 Mos & Under 8 Mos: (6) DRUMHILL'S NOTES IN A SCANDAL - A nice pup that just needs to add a little more body.

Puppy Bitches, 8 Mos & Under 10 Mos: (16) SHYLADAWN'S FAN DANCER - The puppy girls in this large class were nice but 1st place was a little more developed and had a lovely headpiece.

Puppy Bitches, 10 Mos & Under 12 Mos: (18) SCARLET'S MOON BY BESTOW - My 1st place girl was free-flowing in movement and so together in what I thought was a lovely puppy girl. She just called you to watch her.

Junior Bitches, 12 Mos & Under 14 Mos: 1st, (48) RELEVE'S UNTOUCHABLE, 2nd (36) LUVIT DALNAVERT AWESOME TROPICAL STORM - WOW what an amazing class of girls to judge. These girls were mature with beautiful fronts and were Big movers. It was such a hard choice between 1st and 2nd place since both had qualities that I loved; however, 1st place was just a little more feminine for my taste.

Junior Bitches, 14 Mos & Under 16 Mos: (34) AME JUMELLE ISABELLA - A very nice girl with lovely movement and a pretty face.

Junior Bitches, 14 Mos & Under 16 Mos: (46) BELLE CREEK'S DANCING THRU LIFE - Well BOTH these girls had qualities that I loved. They were both so close and so different. 1st place was just a little better package overall.

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Sweepstakes Review - Karen Graeber, cont.

Grand Sweepstakes Winner: (21) ABSOLUTELY AGAPE HAPPY TALK - Grand Sweeps choice was quite an interesting choice between a well-built and moving male and a girl who was so feminine and typey in all aspects that either could have deserved the honor. In making my final choice I compared all the qualities each showed that day, and That Puppy Boy, Number 21, kept the eye on the prize in the final go-round.

Best Puppy in Sweepstakes: (18) SCARLET'S MOON BY BESTOW - Just had to be this little girl that never made a wrong move no matter who I compared her to in choosing best pup.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best Puppy in Sweepstakes: (5) AME JUMELLE LANNISTER - was such a nice young male.

Best Junior in Sweepstakes: (21) ABSOLUTELY AGAPE HAPPY TALK - It was quite a challenge to choose the best junior. The quality of all the dogs that came back in the ring was outstanding. Each had their own star qualities, but there was no doubt in my mind that the Junior dog, 16-18 mos, wanted it that day. He was flawless in all he did; however, the other males in the Jr class made him work for it.

Best of Opposite Sex to Best Junior in Sweepstakes: (48) RELEVE'S UNTOUCHABLE - The BOS Junior female showed her lovely movement.

I have no doubt that all the dogs in the Sweepstakes categories will achieve their potential in the very near future, Thank you all for continuing to produce great quality puppies for our amazing breed.

Bred-by-Exhibitor Special Attraction

Because of severe weather and flooding,

Rick Day

was unable to submit his review.

It will be published in the Fall Bulletin.

4-6 Month Beginner Puppy

By Mrs Beverly Andersen

I had the privilege to judge three adorable puppies. It was exciting and fun to have these three lovely puppies in the show ring. All had beautiful expression, dark eyes, with “halos” present. Overall structure of these three was appropriate for their age. I was pleased to find good depth of chest and rib spring. They all showed “moments of brilliance” when they were gaiting. Remembering their age, perfection was not to be expected and many smiles were garnished by all watching, including myself.

My **Best Puppy** was the young bitch (37) **Fairs Pride Hallmarks Panache O' Joline**, owned by Sandra Fair, Dorinne and Joe Waterman.

My **Best of Opposite Sex** puppy went to **Belle Creek's Heart Melter**, owned by Lorrie Carlton and Lawrence Letsche, DVM.

In the end, all three are excellent examples of Bichon youngsters. It was a pleasure to judge these three puppies who demonstrated a promising show future ahead.

Bev Andersen

President's Report

Our specialty in Tucson was a big success thanks to our Show Chair, Kathy Andrew and Assistant Show Chair, Lillian Endo. The hotel was terrific and the staff more than happy to assist the attendees. Kudos to Myra Wotton for her hard work researching and securing this great venue to hold our show. Kaley Kovar and her team outdid themselves with a fun program and games at hospitality! Can't wait to see what they have planned for Orlando!

Thanks to the exhibitors for bringing your lovely puppies and adults for our judges to evaluate and for attendees to enjoy watching. Congratulations to all the winners!

We couldn't function without the hard work and dedication of our officers and directors especially during National week, thank you all! Thanks to our committees that work very hard during the year and to our members for supporting BFCA and Specialty week. I also want to thank members who attended our annual meeting for their suggestions and feedback. Your board wants input so that we can work together to make BFCA the best it can be!

The nominating committee for our May election will be announced in this bulletin. Thank you to all who volunteered to serve on this very important committee.

Our Show Chair, Debbie Hollan is hard at work preparing for next year at the Sheraton North in Orlando, Florida. Judges are Pauline Johns, conformation. Maggie Hyde, Sweepstakes, and Mayno Blanding, Bred-by-Exhibitor Special Attraction. We will be hosting a very special seminar that will be in two parts, Tuesday and Wednesday. If you want to attend both days, you may want to arrive on Monday. Don't procrastinate; make hotel and travel plan early! There is limited guest room availability on Monday night!

The annual minutes are published in this bulletin. Please take the time to read them. There is a form to fill out if you DO NOT wish to be considered for judging Sweepstakes or Special Attraction in the year 2021 only.

Dues notices are out and are due now!

Last year in the summer issue, I invited our members, particularly newer members to contact me if you would be willing to volunteer for BFCA in any capacity. I am reaching out once again because we always need volunteers so, please don't be shy!

Wishing you all lots of ribbons this summer!

Gail Antetomaso

Vice President's Report

The location for the **2020 National Specialty** is now confirmed - the hotel contract has been signed. Our 2020 National Specialty will be at the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel, Indianapolis, IN. Activities will begin on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, with our shows on Thursday and Friday, May 21 & 22, 2020.

Please be sure to mark your calendars!



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA**Treasurer's Report****Financial Statement Beginning May 1, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2018**

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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 30, 2018

\$59,384.54

INCOME:

2018 National Specialty	\$11,835.25	
Sales	39.00	
Amazon Sales	48.74	
Membership Dues	4,830.00	
Application Fees	90.00	
Misc	.32	

Health

Donation	530.00	
Sales	6,179.75	
Raffle-Bingo	224.00	
Silent Auction	908.00	
Live Auction	940.00	8,781.75

Agility 2018

Entry Fees	16,054.00	
Raffle	<u>500.00</u>	16,554.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$42,179.06

EXPENSE:

2018 National Specialty	20,240.69
Sales	175.00
Sales-Shipping	12.90
Recording Secretary Expense	271.89
Judges Education	1,298.32
AKC Delegate	383.60
Cash Deposit Fee	18.64
Service Fee for Cash Deposit	8.00
Federal Tax Return	500.00
Deposit Slips	124.71
Postage	15.47
Paypal	54.51

Agility 2018

On the Run Canine	3,442.64
Meals	900.00
Judges Gift	25.00
Judges Hotel	390.31
MACH/PACH	180.00
Printing, Postage, Copies	<u>38.74</u>
	4,976.69

Agility 2019

AKC	300.00	300.00
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Recording Secretary's Report

Well, I'm back from the Nationals in Tucson, AZ, and have survived my first Annual Board Meeting and Annual Meeting. My luggage, aka huge green hard-shell suitcase, on the other hand, did not survive the luggage handlers either in Tucson, Atlanta, or Nashville airports. Mine came off the carousel totally demolished, but contents were unharmed. Some thanks to Delta Baggage Office for the new "Black" - UGH! - replacement given to me there at the airport. There is a reason I don't use black bags....It's because the majority of bags are BLACK! Oh well, I'm working on getting it personalized, so guess all is well.

OK, don't everyone run to your mailbox at once, but the dues have been sent. PLEASE RETURN YOUR INFO AND CHECK to our Treasurer, Lillian Endo, ASAP. If not returned by SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, YOU WILL HAVE TO RE-APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP!!!!!!

Have a great summer and start making plans for next year's Specialty, "Magic in Orlando," May 2-3, 2019, at the Sheraton Orlando North, Orlando, FL.

Wendy Ball
BFCA Recording Secretary

BOARD BALLOTS

Ballot:03-18A amended to read AKC OWNER-HANDLED AWARD

Starting in 2018, the BFCA shall award the AKC Owner-Handled Series, Highest Ranking Bichon Frise for the previous year. Awards shall be presented at the Awards Banquet along with the other awards presented.

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	Approved
McFarlane, Diana	Approved
McNamara, Judy	Approved
Ramich, Lynn	Approved
Wise, John	Approved
Wotton, Myra	Approved

Ballot: 07-18A AKC Parent Club Medallions (July 2018)

The BFCA shall purchase a total of 3 AKC Parent Club Medallions for the 2018 AKC National Championship, AKC Obedience and Agility for a total cost of \$215.00.

Vote was unanimous in favor of motion:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Ball
BFCA Recording Secretary

AKC Delegate's Report

June 2018

The June 2018 Delegates Meeting was preceded by the AKC Educational Summit. This summit was open to Parent and All-Breed Clubs and was very well attended. The summit included: Evolution of Dog Shows, Club Development, Junior - with a panel of juniors, Breed Preservation, Club Communications, Public Education, Government Relations, and AKC Canine Health Foundation. It will be broadcast on AKCTV.

The Delegates meeting on Monday- I attended By-laws. It discussed term limits and survey results about term limits. Nothing was finalized. Discussion on Frequently Used Sire (FUS) and DNA was discussed. Parent Club Committee was next. There was a suggestion to change the name to National Breed Club.

The AKC Club Development Department can help by sending out an email blast to people in a club's area regarding any event that club may have, and they can also help with the development of a flyer to go out via email.

Until next time

Submitted by Toby Frisch



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

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Summer 2018

We hope everyone is staying cool this summer. This heat is not good for the dogs but, I'm preaching to the choir! An exciting event happened this summer. Long time BFCA member, Steven Williams made a donation challenge up to \$3,000. Such a generous offer. We started the challenge on June 3 and ended it on July 4. We had donated, \$3,126! With Steven's donation, \$6,126 that was a total blessing. Thank you all who donated and, especially to Steve. Stay around Steve, we missed you.

Rescue has been pretty much status quo. We are also getting calls in to take in a number of 14+ years old. These are hard on us. We've been able to place all but one. You spend money on their vetting (usually dentals and geriatric panels) and give the dogs away. Dentals seem to be the #1 vet expense we have right now. Dental costs seem to be going down a little but spay and neutering costs have tripled. Luckily, we do have some great vets who help by giving discounts.

We have been seeing Bichons with SARDS (Sudden Acquired Retinal Degeneration Syndrome). This may be something the Health Committee would be interested in. We've had a few this year and currently have a little girl that needs to be the only pet. She is a sweet thing but when anything brushes up against her, she becomes frightened and bites. Another health issue is thyroid problems. It may be smart to add thyroid testing to your health testing.

We've gone on a campaign to find more volunteers. You quickly lose them. I get the impression they think this would fun but they don't consider the emotion and work involved. Fostering disrupts the entire family. You lose sleep the first night or two. It's work! We really appreciate those who take on the challenge and keep coming back for more. Those volunteers are our treasures. We can never thank them enough.

We are preparing for the annual Bichon Bash. If anyone is in the northern VA area on September 16, plan on attending. For more information: <http://www.bichonbash.org/>

Lynn Ramich
Co-Chair and Trustee

Zandra Kern
Co-Chair and Trustee

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Regions Bank Balance as of January 1, 2018	42,697.15
Regions Bank Balance as of June 30, 2018	46,385.75

INCOME

Donations	24,439.65
Adoption Donations	4,610.00
Emporium	1,276.72

TOTAL INCOME	30,326.37
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EXPENSES

Vet Expenses for Rescue	(21,420.62)
Administrative	(569.15)
Adoption Donation - Returned Check	(350.00)
Expenses for Rescued Bichons	(138.82)
Training Expenses for Rescued Bichons	(2,961.00)
Supplies for Emporium	(1,198.18)

TOTAL EXPENSES	(26,637.77)
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BEGINNING BALANCE (1/1/18)	42,697.15
INCOME	30,326.37
EXPENSES	(26,637.77)
ENDING BALANCE (6/30/18) - CALCULATED	46,385.75
ENDING BALANCE (6/30/18) - ACTUAL	46,385.75
DIFFERENCE	-

Agility

Thank you to everyone who traveled to, worked at, donated to, and/or participated in the annual all breed agility trial in Minneapolis this Spring. You helped make it a great success all around. Our photographer has been slow to deliver our photos so I will have those for the next bulletin.

Since the agility trial was within a week of our specialty, we worked diligently and finally succeeded to get a new date for the annual trial. We want as many of you as possible to be able to attend and participate in our annual BFCFA sponsored all breed agility trial. Now that we have removed most of your possible excuses; mark your calendars and make your travel plans for October 4-6, 2019 in Minneapolis. Going forward we will be hosting the agility trial around these dates which correspond to AKC's corresponding date table week #40.

If you are new to agility or are curious to learn more about the sport, feel free to contact Rick Macias with your questions at Boismac@gmail.com

Judges Education

I have been very busy getting ready to do a presentation for the DJAA in Houston, Texas, on July 19, 2018..I want to take this opportunity to thank in advance our members for offering their dogs.

This past May, at the national we had a successful seminar, ringside mentoring, and hands on. I also opened the seminar to members..and was pleased that a few of you showed up....As judges need different mentors ringside aside from me I would like to thank Joanne and Lindsey for helping me, it was greatly appreciated.

I would like to see and encourage more breeder discussions..this is our breed, we must present to the judges the best of the best.. Remember the breed is in our hands..we have a responsibility to preserve the breed standard as it is written..

Do I think the standard needs tweaking after so many years? Of course I do...then again, I need tweaking after so many years.

I wish you all a happy and healthy summer,
Mimi

Membership Report

SUMMER 2018

Karen Chesbro

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (Sponsors)

**Patricia Riener Benson
3011 Lone Star Lane
Pinehurst, TX 77362
(Judy Beckham & Kayley Kovar)**

**John & Wendy Hutchinson
70 Dillon Court
Diggers Rest
Victoria, Australia 3427
(Matt Abbott & Paula Hendricks)**

**Ashley Burks
253 W Long Creek Cove
Longwood, FL 32750
(Lindsey Dicken & Karen Snyder)**

**Barry & Terri Vogel
327 Via Bosque
Jupiter, FL 33458
(Laurie Carlton & Sheila Feldman)**

**Donna DeMartini
11475 Round House Court
Gold River, CA 95670
(Roz Allen & Laura Winston)**

All BFCA members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Wendy Ball, 967A Boat Dock Rd, KY 42501, or bichonbabe@mchsi.com by **Wednesday, AUGUST 15, 2018**, or before.



Greetings from Bichon Frise Club of Northern California!

Unfortunately, we were unable to reserve the park facility this year for our annual “Bichon Day-in-the-Park”, but with Laura Winston at the helm we’re already looking towards scheduling for June 2nd of next year.

Our club was approved for two (2) days of specialties in conjunction with the Harvest Moon Cluster (Pleasanton, CA) on October 20th & 21st. Regular class and 4-6 puppy judges T.B.A. and sweepstakes judges are Shyla Newton and Alexia Rodriguez. MB-F is the superintendent.

Northern California in the fall is a glorious sight to behold so please plan on attending.

Bichon Frise Club of Northern New Jersey

The Bichon Frise Club of Northern NJ capped off our last meeting on June 9th with an awesome picnic at the home of our Vice President, Rita Couture. The Members enjoyed a delicious lunch as we held our meeting. A big congratulations to our member, Jewel Elias, on winning our challenge trophy after being awarded a second BOB at our March Specialty Show with her beautiful bitch, GCH. Gemstone-Lyndale Abby Cadabby!

We look forward to fall as we begin planning for an October Howl-o-ween party, Spring Specialty Show and continuing our educational seminars on vaccines, food and pet cancer.

Bichon Frise Club of San Diego Specialty Recap

If you happen to be in San Diego the end of February you should drop by the San Diego Fairgrounds in Del Mar for the yearly Bichon Frise Club of San Diego Local Specialties. The BFCSD holds two Specialty Shows and two Sweepstakes back-to-back, usually the Friday preceding the Silver Bay Kennel Club Shows. This year was no exception and the show went on with the usual flair.

The theme this year was THE WAY WE WERE. The logo was head shots of three Bichons selected from the BFCSD's library of past logos and illustrations. The sweet faces and then in style triangular head trims, were indeed a throw-back to the Way We Were.

The trophy table was beautiful. A spectacular floral center piece of blue and white flowers was seated in the large silver punch bowl known as the Founders Trophy. The trophies all selected by trophy chair Mary Ellen Mills, were various clocks and time pieces. A reminder, that indeed time does past, but our sweet Bichons carry on.

The show was dedicated to four Bichon fanciers we lost this past year. BFCSD members Ford McFarlane and Bill Johnston and BFCSD friends Barbara Chappell and Ed Fair. There was a memorial table featuring their photos and a small floral display.

We were fortunate to have two well- known Bichon breeders, Joanne Rubin and Mayno Blanding to judge our two Sweepstakes. The entry, although not large, did win points for cuteness and both ladies appeared to enjoy their time in the ring.

Conformation was evaluated by one international judge and one United States judge. Gerri Grieg, well known breeder from Australia, judged the first show and Nathan Horn, who was on the Silver Bay judging slate the following two days, judged the second. It always fun to see two different judge's opinions.

Between the two shows, the Parade of Title Holders and finally, the always touching Parade of Rescues was held. Both of these groups, in addition to being introduced and having their stories read as they circled the ring, was awarded a beautiful large rosette with streamers with their name of them.

It was another fun and successful day for the BFCSD. If you weren't able to attend we hope you will put this event on your calendar for next year. We look forward to seeing you then.

"Magic in Orlando!"

2019 National Specialty Update

The 2019 National Specialty will be held on May 2nd-3rd, 2019. It will be held in Orlando, Florida, at the Sheraton Orlando North Hotel, 600 N. Lake Destiny Rd., Maitland, FL 32751. Phone: 407-660-9000. The theme is "Magic in Orlando!" The hotel has begun to take reservations for our club's block of rooms. The rate will be \$126.00 per night. We are very pleased to announce our judges will be Mrs. Pauline Johns for Regular Conformation on Friday, May 3rd. Judging our Obedience/Rally classes will be Mrs. Linda Ferrullo. The Bred-by-Exhibitor Special Attraction will be judged by Mayno Blanding, and Sweepstakes will be judged by Maggie Hyde-Sherwood.

We are also excited to announce we will have two Seminars for 2019! The first will be held Tuesday afternoon. It will be a basic Bichon Grooming Class held by experts Shannon Moore and Lindsey Dicken and will cover proper bathing, drying and product usage. Then, on Wednesday morning, we will have a Hands-on Scissoring Class for 15 people and dogs, again conducted by Groom team members Shannon Moore and 2017 Gold Medal World Champion Groom Team member Lindsey Dicken! There will also be seats available to audit this seminar. Pricing will be announced at a later date.

This should be a really fun and exciting National! I would encourage you to make your hotel reservations early! We will have a "Magical" time!

2019 National Specialty Important Room Information

It has come to our attention that while you can book your normal two double queens and regular king rooms on the Sheratons website, you cannot book the other type rooms that we have contracted prices for and those are as follows:

Queen/King Deluxe: Guests who reserve this room will enjoy complimentary water bottles, robe and upgraded amenity package, & oversized desks. 469 sq ft. - \$136.00 per night

Queen Grande: Two queen beds with ampler balcony space and a wet bar for a total of 732 sq ft. - \$141.00 per night

Club Level: Access to the Sheraton Club Lounge, where you can enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast & evening hors d'oeuvres in addition to the usual amenities. - \$166.00 per night.

One Bedroom Suite: Offers a parlor with a separate dining area, a terrace with patio seating, Bose stereo & and oversized bath area with a whirlpool. 900 sq ft. - \$366.00

Two Bedroom Suite: Offers all the above & a second room. King beds only. - \$466.00

These rooms are not being held for our room block, but are available at the above prices on an availability basis.

Should you wish to book any of these rooms, we suggest you do so right away. You would need to contact Jessica XU at Jessica.xu@sheratonorlandonorth.com and she will do her best to assist you.

Hope this helps!

Debbie Hollan
Show Chair