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The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.





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The **BFCA BULLETIN** is the official newsletter of the Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc. and is published quarterly. Subscriptions by members of BFCA are paid as a portion of annual membership dues.

President's Message

Here we are in 2021! I hope your holidays were safe and enjoyable despite the continued threat from COVID-19.

When we made the difficult decision to cancel last year's National Specialty, we never thought that in January 2021, we would again be debating the wisdom of whether to go forward with this year's dates or postpone. Believe me, the decision to again delay was exceedingly difficult, but the board's action was to ensure the safety of you, our members. We felt that it would be impossible to hold meetings, seminars, and our banquet in a hotel in May. Likewise, grooming and social distancing in a ballroom would be hard even if gatherings of our size were to be permitted by local restrictions.

Like you, I am extremely disappointed; however, we are actively investigating a way to hold our 2021 Specialty - perhaps with an all-breed cluster sometime in the summer or fall. If you have suggestions for a venue that we can investigate, please notify a board member with details ASAP. Unfortunately, we will not offer Obedience or Rally classes with an all-breed; however, if the shows offer all-breed obedience, we encourage supporting their classes with entries and as spectators. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we will have news of a new date and venue to share with you soon.

The board continues to work for you via Zoom meetings, and we will be sending Constant Contacts to keep you all up to date on ongoing projects and proposed amendments in the works. As I write this, the webmaster is moving along with the promised enhancements to the BFCFA website and Health Committee Section. Our landing page and ability to navigate from section to section will be more user friendly. In the final phase, we will have easy-to-use online forms that will seamlessly do their job helping us all to pay dues, vote for judges, plus make specialty banquet, seminar and merchandise purchases. This should make life easier for both members and the volunteers that work behind the scenes.

We will most probably have to hold another virtual annual membership meeting in May to comply with our by-laws. You were all very patient with our first attempt at this last year, and we will make every effort to be more professional this year.

Please stay safe and watch for updates on BFCFA matters in Constant Contacts!

Gail Antetomaso



Recording Secretary Report

Blah, Blah, Blah, Blah, Blah..... Hopefully, this got your attention and gave you a chuckle. Just because of the pandemic, do not think the Board has been sitting back twiddling our thumbs. We have been busier than usual and having to deal with items pertaining to holding business during unusual times.

I would like for you as members to please read and pay attention to correspondence that will be coming in the near future. I have had members tell me that they didn't know something that was either printed in the Bulletin (thanks Mayno for doing such a great job with this) or sent out in a Constant Contact, please do not unsubscribe to these tools we are able to use to get information out to the membership.

I would like to note that 2 additional members contacted me saying they were in attendance on the Annual Meeting Zoom call, so please amend your minutes to show a total of 66 members present and add Loynachan, Kathy and Paulson, Karen to the attendance list. The next time we have to hold such a meeting, we will try to work something out to better keep up with those present. It is hard to keep minutes and attempt to look over 8 screens of people's faces along with some who called in and only showing a phone number I have no way of knowing who they are. I apologize, but as you all are aware, we are all human and make mistakes.

Again, if any members have a change in any of their membership information, please let me know so it can be corrected on my list and corrected in our directory online.

Respectfully,
Wendy Ball, BFCA Recording Secretary



Nominations for the New Board of Directors

For May 2021- May 2023

The BFCA Nominating Committee for this year is Lynn Ramich, Chairperson, Kieth Hanson and Kathy Andrew. Thanks for your hard work putting together the following proposed slate of officers.

In Accordance with the BFCA Constitution, Article IV, Sub. Sec. (a), the following slate of candidates is submitted to serve as Officers and Directors for 2021-2023. Names of the individuals and the state where they reside is listed below:

PRESIDENT:	MYRA WOTTON – MINNESOTA
VICE PRESIDENT:	LILLIAN ENDO – CALIFORNIA
TREASURER:	MATT ABBOTT – PENNSYLVANIA
RECORDING SEC.	WENDY BALL – KENTUCKY
CORRESPONDING SEC.	DEBBIE HOLLAN – GEORGIA
DIRECTOR:	GAIL ANTETOMASO – NEW YORK
DIRECTOR:	SHERI KENNEDY – WASHINGTON
DIRECTOR:	ROSLYN ALLEN – CALIFORNIA
DIRECTOR:	MARY SPRUIELL – ALABAMA
DIRECTOR:	SHANNON TUPES – VIRGINIA
DIRECTOR:	SUSAN ANNESER – CONNETICUT

Additional Nominations: Additional nominations may be made by following the procedure as outlined in Article IV, Sec. 4 Sub. Sec. (b) of the Constitution and Bylaws. All nominations conditions must be met and received by the Recording Secretary before April 1, 2021. All nominees must agree to sign the BFCA Code of Ethics for Officers and Directors. A Copy of the code may be obtained from the Recording Secretary.

Board Ballots

Ballot: 12-20A BFCA Delegate to AKC Board

Motion: Effective immediately, the Bichon Frise Club of America is appointing Mayno Blanding as the delegate to the AKC Board.

Vote to approve was unanimous

Ballot: 12-20B Addition of BFCA Associate Membership: Adopt a new category of membership to BFCA, Associate Member. Guidelines are set forth and subject to revision by the Board.

Ballot: 12-20C Definition of Household Membership: Definition of Household Membership to read Household Membership shall consist of Two (2) adults either a Married Couple or Domestic Partners residing under the same roof, who are reputable citizens of the United States, only one of each household is eligible to hold office at a time.

Ballot: 12-20D Change of title from Foreign Member to International Member: Title change from Foreign Membership to International Membership. To read, International Membership shall be comprised of reputable citizens of a country other than the United States, who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, and who subscribe to the purpose and principles of this Club. International Members shall not hold office, or have the right to vote nor shall they endorse any candidate for membership who, upon acceptance would become a voting member of the club.

The above motions were approved by the Board, with a vote as follows:

Approved: Roz Allen, Gail Antetomaso, Wendy Ball, Lillian Endo, Debbie Hollan, Sheri Kennedy, Kayley Kovar, Lynn Ramich, Myra Wotton. DNA (Did Not Answer/Respond) Matt Abbott, John Wise.



Treasurer Report

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA
Treasurer's Report
 Financial Statement Beginning October 1, 2020 and Ending December 30, 2020

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	September 30, 2020	73,039.49
INCOME:		
	Amazon Sales	58.75
	Membership Dues	415.04
	2021 National Specialty	12.60
	Application Fees	150.00
	Breeder Directory	2,166.00
	Sales	106.96
	Total	2,909.35
	Health	
	Donations	120.00
	Total	120.00
	Agility	
	Total	-
TOTAL INCOME		3,029.35
EXPENSE:		
	2021 National Specialty	127.00
	Recording Secretary Expense	125.67
	AKC Dues	25.00
	Federal Tax Return	500.00
	Franchise Tax Board	10.00
	Equisure	808.00
	Membership Committee Expenses	8.40
	BFCACT Donation	50.00
	Bulletin Expenses	102.52
	Paypal Expenses	61.69
	Sales - Returned check, closed account	6.00
	Bank Charge - Returned check fee	12.00
	Total	1,836.28
	Health	
	Total	-
	Agility	
	Total	-
TOTAL EXPENSE		1,836.28
NET GAIN/LOSS		\$ 1,193.07
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	December 31, 2020	\$ 74,232.56
PAYPAL BALANCE	December 31, 2020	\$ 500.00
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE	September 30, 2020	60,276.86
Interest Income		1.49
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE	December 31, 2020	\$ 60,278.35
TOTAL FUNDS	December 31, 2020	\$ 135,010.91

Matt Abbott, Treasurer - December 31, 2020

AKC Delegate Report

I'd like to thank the BFCB Board for this great honor to represent our fine club as an AKC Delegate. I look forward to working for you and pledge to listen to your concerns and to report what I think is most relevant from each meeting. I plan to serve on two committees – the Parent Club Committee and the Health Committee in addition to attending the quarterly meetings. Although, until I have official approval from the AKC, I cannot attend delegate meetings, I went to the Secretary's Pages of the AKC Gazette for minutes of the meeting in order to make this report. Hopefully, I will be approved before the March meeting.

Currently all meetings are held by Zoom. FYI, they have a good system for being heard. They use a select interactive tool called Raise Your Hand to indicate that you wish to speak. They also ask each participant to stay on silent mode unless speaking. This is very effective and efficient and local clubs might find it helpful also.

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/205566129-Raising-your-hand-in-a-webinar>

Dr. Davies presented the Chairman's Report which summarized the many accomplishments of AKC in 2020, including Trick Dog, Virtual Home Manners titling program, and several virtual events over the summer which benefited AKC-supported not-for-profit organizations.

Mr. Sprung delivered the President's Report by first thanking the delegates for their work over the previous difficult year. Over 14,000 events were cancelled or postponed by necessity, but the shows that were able to proceed learned how to hold show-and-go style events with social distancing, masks, and good common sense. He also shared that AKC has expanded its brand relationship with ESPN to include the National Championship, and many other types of competitions like Agility, Fastest Dog, Diving Dog, and Flyball.

Of considerable interest to many local clubs was the Charter and By-laws of The AKC Article IV, Section 1, which would prohibit local clubs from applying to AKC for Member Club status. After some discussion, the motion was passed by 2/3 majority. Another item of interest was on Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 16, Section 1 – Championships, which incorporates a new paragraph 8 to permit a 2020 National Specialty to be held in 2021 in addition to a 2021 National Specialty. It also passed by 2/3 majority. (FYI, 97 National Specialties were cancelled in 2020.). Other votes were not applicable to our breed.

A proposed amendment to be voted on in the March meeting: This amendment is to Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 6, Section 2 – Premium Lists and Closing Entries, which modifies required publication components of premium lists including address information and entry fee(s). It will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette before the March meeting.

Stay safe.

Mayno Blanding



Agility Report

Happy New Year Everyone,

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered and contributed to our fun, successful fund-raising agility trials. Through your hard work and generosity, we raised much-needed funds to support the BFCA causes.

These have been trying times between Covid and an extensive offering of canine sport and hobby venues. Therefore, we have decided to suspend our annual agility trials until further notice.

I will miss working with everyone encourage everyone to find a way to contribute your skills to the betterment of our club and to the Bichon Frise breed. **Meanwhile, if you have any questions or concerns about Agility, please contact Shirley Hamilton at sjhamelot@mac.com**

Sincerely,

Rick Macias

Judges Education

As we are still under the influence of Covid, my involvement in judges education is limited to phone conversations..I receive on an average of three a week., so that does fill some days.

I look forward to better things in 2021

Stay well,
Mimi





BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

Winter 2021

Hope everyone is surviving the pandemic. I was just reading a newspaper article that people have been adopting dogs since this started. We are seeing every dog that we bring in, being adopted as soon as they are ready. We get dozens of applications for each Bichon; problem has been demand is much higher than quantity. The pandemic has slowed intakes. The funny thing is, before COVID, we were getting in older Bichons. Now it's very young ones. Of course, they come in with baggage and we are having to work with them and find the home that best suits their needs.

We have also found, since COVID, vetting and training has become more expensive. Thankfully, we have been able to maintain with our great followers. Our Facebook following (www.facebook.com/BFCACT) has reached 10,500 followers. Also, we have a new webpage <http://bichonrescue.org>. So things have been busy. We will be selling nightshirts soon. As soon as they are available, we will have them on our webpage.

Special thanks go out to the New England Club, the Northern California Club, the Puget Sound Club and San Diego Club for their support. When our breeders show interest and support us, it really makes us feel great.

Lynn Ramich
Co-Chair and Trustee
BFCACT



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST INCOME AND EXPENSE 2020

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Adoption Fees	3,050.00
BASH- Merchandise	24.00
Direct Public Support	24,046.44
Donations- other	189.19
Donations- paypal	4,749.00
 Total Income	 32,058.63
Gross Profit	32,058.63
Expense	
Contract Services	685.00
Grooming	523.99
Insurance	750.00
IT internet- computer	141.34
Operations	1,557.00
Other expenses	300.00
Paypal fees	222.60
Rescue	450.00
Training	140.00
Travel and Meetings	1,565.50
Veterinary Expenses	30,595.26
Website	971.95
Total Expense	37,902.64
Net Ordinary Income	-5,844.01

Membership Report

Sheri Kennedy

NEW MEMBERS (Sponsors)

Laura Winstead
12906 Community Road
Middle River, MD 21220
(Amy Walters Weiderhold & Diana Woodring)

Javier Bravo & Ruth Veronica Car
Pascuzzi 2262
Tandil, Buenos Aries 7000
Argentina
(Shannon Tupes & Donna DeMartini)

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (Sponsors)

*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, Somerset, KY 42501 or bichonbabe@mchsi.com by **February 26th, 2021**.*

Tamara Fossier
480 County Road 3060
Bonham, TX 75418
(Kayley Kovar & Paula Bender)

Laurie Hargreaves
2676 Foul Bay Road
Victoria, BC V8R 5B4
Canada
(Sue Swindle & Karen Paulson)

Michelle, Jim & Kiersten Lapp
13343 Niti Drive
Hudson, FL 34669
(Lynn Ramich & Zandra Kern)



Obedience Report

There have been so many changes with the Pandemic that it is truly hard to keep up with. Now you can earn titles by submitting a “virtual” video for some of the Rally titles and for obedience titles. The AKC has the courses to choose from on their website for the Rally Novice and Intermediate classes. You must submit 3 different qualifying courses in order to earn the title but heh, we can do it at our training school or in our own yard. What better way to show off our dog’s talent and not have to worry about getting exposed to a virus? They even tell you how to set up the camera and where to place it for the angle needed for the virtual judge to be able to see everything. It can be a win-win for anyone that has a dog that is nervous around loud settings that sometimes happens at dog shows.

With that in mind, please go to AKC.ORG and link up to the Virtual Obedience – test-regulations to read more about that regulations and for Rally and to see the 5 courses for each level available for you to work (Novice & Intermediate) on you also would go to the AKC.ORG web page, and then go to the Rally virtual page. There is also available Trick Dog virtual, Fit Dog virtual, water test virtual, Agility Act 1 &2 and even a Top Dog Challenge for conformation dogs to do virtual. There is so much that we can do with our dogs now without leaving the comfort of our own field of safety.

Many shows were canceled last year in 2020 and it seems that many clubs are canceling for this year also. I can understand, many of the members of these clubs are not young and therefore, vulnerable to get sick from Covid. We all must do what we can to stay safe. I managed to judge a couple of shows in February and was so delighted to see that the dogs and handlers were all so careful but I was so impressed as the dogs have not gotten rusty over the lack of shows. They were in fact extremely excited at being back to “work” in the show ring. The clubs that I did judge took extra care to make showing as safe as was possible and glad that no calls came from the CDC going to the shows that someone had the virus. Caution is a good thing but I want to also tell you that the clubs that are holding shows are taking the best cautions possible to make sure that no one enters a show with any signs of the virus and that precautions are in careful place if you choose to go to a show. Many clubs are requiring a test within 72 hours prior to the show with the results clearing you of Covid to enter. Everyone is taking temperatures and the virtual distance of 6 feet or more and how many can be in a building at any one time are being observed carefully. Everyone is in a mask now- the good news is I am saving on make-up!

I hope soon we all will not have to worry about this but in the meantime, there is plenty we can do with our dogs. Virtual or at the shows that are open. Just be careful, be well and take care of your fur babies

Linda Ferrullo



Bichon Frise Club of Northern California



Happy New Year everyone! We are pleased to welcome a few new members into our club and hope to put them to work at our upcoming events. We are optimistic that we're on the downward slide of COVID-19, and plans are in the works to hold our specialties on October 23rd and 24th, 2021 in Pleasanton, CA. Look for more information to be distributed later this summer.

Tentative plans are also in the works to hold our annual "Day in the Park" event either this spring or early summer in Sacramento. Like so many we are all ready to get back to the events we know and love and spend time with our dogs and friends. Be safe everyone and look forward to seeing you all in May at the BFCA National and BFCA Independent Specialties.

Camille Bakker



Bichon Frise Club of Northern New Jersey

The Bichon Frise club of Northern New Jersey had a quiet year. We had an outdoor Halloween costume party and meeting in October . Both our specialties that were scheduled have been postponed due to state limitations indoors.

Our Specialty scheduled along with the Morris and Essex show is scheduled for October 2021 and will be held outdoors. Our virtual club meeting is scheduled for Feb. We plan to take advantage of a virtual tour of the AKC Museum of dogs for one of our spring meetings and look forward to possibly hosting another specialty this summer.

The executive board decided to extend officers for another year due to the unusual circumstances. The club was waiting for word from AKC if there will be a meet the breeds outdoors along with the June Westminster in Westchester NY.

Our club is looking forward to getting back to normal meetings and activities so that our new members can enjoy breed activities.

Very truly yours,

Karen Graeber
Secretary of BFCNNJ

