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The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc. National Specialty Issue





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President's Message

Hello!

I hope all of you had a great time at the National Specialty in Tulsa. It was great to see everyone again to show our love for this wonderful breed.

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners!! As well as a big THANK YOU to Show Chair, Donna DeMartini, and to all who helped make the 47th Annual National Specialty a success!

Highlights from Your Board!!

We voted unanimously to create a new Constitution and Bylaws committee consisting of Nancy Brown (chair), Cherie Ekholm, Carol Fellbaum, and Larry Letsche. They have created a timeline and a plan and will want your input to prioritize the changes you want to see. Thank you, Nancy, Cherie, Carol, and Larry for taking on this task!

2023 National Specialty Logo Design contest! We are looking for logo designs for "That '70s Dog Show." Please submit by August 1st to Merry Nicole Meyer – we are looking forward to all your designs!

Round 1 for the Judges Selection for 2024 in Chicago is taking place now and you have until July 31st to vote for your preferred judges. Please contact Paula Hendricks for any questions.

There is a new Social Media Committee as well. Amanda Aaron is maintaining the BFCA Facebook page in tandem with Dina Taylor for website and Constant Contact to keep everyone up to date. Please be sure to let both Amanda and Dina know of any upcoming events.

A new judges voting committee has been established to review the process. Paula Hendricks is the chair so please contact her if you are interested in volunteering.

Board voted unanimously to remove the confidentiality statement in the Board Code of Ethics thus allowing more open communication between the Board and members. Going forward, the Board will utilize executive session for matters of sensitivity.

We are formalizing details for Open Board Meetings. Please stay tuned.

Things to Know – How you Can Help!!

Mary Spruiell, Show Chair for the Designated and Parent Club Specialties December 2-4 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, GA is currently looking for donations for the raffle. Your continuous generosity is greatly appreciated – please contact Mary directly.

We are still looking for a 2023 Assistant Show Chair to work with Donna DeMartini in Minneapolis, MN. If you are interested, please contact Donna or Lillian.

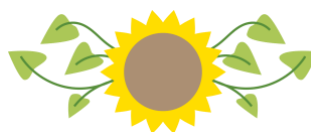
2023 Futurity nominations are still taking place, please see the nomination form on the website or contact Donna DeMartini, futurity secretary for any questions.

Lorrie Carlton and Paul Flores will represent the BFCA at the AKC/DJAA Advanced Judges Institute, held in conjunction with the AKC National Championship on December 13 in Orlando, Florida. Thank you both for your willingness to present our breed.

Always looking for volunteers; if there is something you are interested in – let us know!

Enjoy your summer!

Lillian



Annual Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

1:00 PM CDT

Called to order at: 1:04 PM CDT

Welcome

Approval of Annual Zoom meeting minutes from May 25, 2021 – APPROVED

Report of the Board

1. Report of President - Wisconsin Specialty – very successful. Close to 100 entries, thanked Cyndie Adams and the BF Club of Greater Houston. We did not get the by laws passed but we have a new letter of intent submitted to AKC to update the bylaws to include the electronic means and the California law. Once that is complete. A new committee will be appointed to continue the revision. We have a new judges education committee.
2. Report of Secretaries
3. Report of Treasurer
4. Report of AKC Delegate

Report of Committees

1. Health Committee – Nancy McDonald thanked Laura Winston and Amy Walters for their time on the committee and welcomed new members Donna DeMartini and Amanda Aaron. Calcium Oxalate stone research - the committee doubling contribution to research project of Dr. Furrow at University of Minnesota. OFA survey, please login to the OFA site and look at the surveys and see if there is anything you might want to participate in. Nancy will send link to the OFA site. Nancy thanked the BFCA members for donations and encouraged them to continue.
1. BFCFACT – Zandra Kearn – Rescue is getting busy again because of COVID. In 2021 we had 61 Bichons come into rescue. 2022 we have received 17 and have 3 in-coming as of May 1, 2022.

Old Business

Judges Education – Mary Spruiell – committee Mary Spruiell, Gail Antetomaso, Carol Fellbaum. We have 19 new mentors. The first Zoom informal meeting was very successful. A second training class will be person on May 5, 2022 and there will be another class offered remotely in July 2022. A survey of 9 club members asking for input on portions of the standards led to the creation of an info sheet of talking points about the Bichon standard. The judges' presentation has been updated and will be used for the first time on May 5, 2022. Plan for the future, recommending a committee of 3 due to the scope of the program.

1. Parent Club Specialty, Perry, Georgia – Mary Spruiell - AKC is allowing parent clubs to hold more parent specialties. Mary presented the idea of having a parent club specialty since there are no clubs in the southeast. The specialty will be in conjunction with the Winter Wonderland cluster in Perry, GA. There will be an informal pizza and “cokes” social including “opportunity drawings” (aka raffle) on the off days.

New Business

1. Introduction of new members

NEW MEMBER

SPONSORS

MAY 2019 & MAY 2020

Amanda Aaron
 Elaine & Alfredo Arristia
 Camille Bakker
 Nancy & Gary Brown
 Linda Freidline
 Paulette Ferruzzo
 Cathy Morris
 Patricia Putra
 Jan Wilson & Van Ramatta

Lindsay Dicken & Paula Hendricks
 Rick Day & Sheila Feldman
 Paul Flores & Joanne Rubin
 Kayley Kovar & Larry Letsche
 Lynn Ramich & Linda Ross
 Gail Antetomaso & Rick Day
 Polly Cooper & Kathie Vogel
 Barbara Chaffin & Paula Hendricks
 Karen Graeber & Kathy Vogel

May 2020 - April 2021

Anna Hillman
 Erin Fitzpatrick
 Cherie Ekholm
 Lara Latshaw
 Laura Winstead
 Javier Bravo & Ruth Veronica Car
 Tamara Fossier
 Laurie Hargreaves
 Michelle, Jim & Kiersten Lapp
 Kathy Martin
 Lewis Waldeisen
 Sari Bankson
 Doug Housman

Terrell Potts & Rick Day
 Karen Graeber & Janet Weiderhold
 Dina Taylor & Lynn Ramich
 Carol Felbaum & Shannon Tupes
 Amy Walters Weiderhold & Diana Woodring
 Shannon Tupes & Donna Demartini
 Kayley Kovar & Paula Bender
 Sue Swindle & Karen PAULSON
 Lynn Ramich & Zandra Kern
 Sue Swindle & Sheri Kennedy
 Lorrie Carlton & Roz Allen
 Terrell Potts & Anna Hillman
 Karen Paulson & Sue Swindle

May 2021 – April 2022

Elaine Rude
 Jose Rojas & David Toombs

Carol Felbaum & Erayna Beckman
 Kathy Vogel & Cathy Morris

2. Nomination Committee – will be announced in September
3. 2024 Judges Selection
4. 2026 National Specialty Options – Minneapolis 2023, Chicago 2024, what to do in 2025 & 2026 – stand alone or cluster? Will send out a survey with pros and cons.
5. Volunteers Needed – Website Liaison, 2023 Co-chair, Constitution & Bylaws Revision Committee, Permanent Judges Ed Committee, Judges Selection Committee
6. Current Affairs – Individual statements from Lillian Endo and Kayley Kovar regarding the recent BFCA board resignations. were read to the membership. A question-and-answer sessions followed, facilitated by Larry Letsche.

Adjournment 4:48 PM CDT

Respectfully submitted

Roz Allen



Members Attending

Aaron, Amanda
 Abbott, Matt
 Adams, Cynthia
 Allen, Roz
 Andrew, Kathy
 Antetomaso, Gail
 Arrastia, Elaine
 Ball, Wendy
 Baton, Barbara
 Beckham, Judy
 Beckman, Erayna
 Bellingher, Angela
 Bender, Paula
 Blanding, Mayno
 Bravo, Javier
 Brockett, Susan
 Brown, Nancy
 Burks, Ashley
 Car, Ruth Veronica
 Carlton, Lorrie
 Chesbro, Karen
 Clark, Mary Ann
 DeMartini, Donna
 Dicken, Lindsey
 Ekhorn, Cherie
 Endo, Lillian
 Fellbaum, Carol
 Ferruzzo, Paulette
 Fitzpatrick, Erin
 Fletcher, Mollie,
 Fletcher, Sidney

Fossier, Tammy
 Friedline, Linda
 Fry, Lee
 Gibb, Debra
 Graeber, Karen
 Greenway, Sandra
 Gryan, Nita
 Haines, Carol
 Halstead, Vickie
 Hamilton, Richard
 Hamilton, Shirley
 Hanson, Keith
 Hanson, Sandra
 Hendricks, Paula
 Hillman, Anna
 Hollan, Debbie
 Housman, Doug
 Housman, Tasheena
 Hunkins, Sharon
 Hutchison, John
 Hutchison, Wendy
 Jones, Donna
 Kennedy, Sheri
 Kern, Zandra
 Kovar, Kayley
 Letsche, Larry
 Loynahan, Kathleen
 Lucas, Bernice
 Martin, Kathy
 Mathog, Deena
 McDonald, Nancy

McKay, Heather
 McNamera, Judy
 Meyer, Merry Nicole
 Morris, Cathy
 Newton, Shyla
 Noonan, Nancy
 Paulson, Karen
 Pellegrini, Neena
 Provost, Mary
 Ribble, Betty
 Reiner Benson, Patricia
 Ross, Linda
 Rowe, Linda
 Rubin, Joanne
 Sarner, Gayle
 Spruiell, Mary
 Swindle, Sue
 Taylor, Dina
 Van Keuren, Lindsay
 Vogel, Kathie
 Waldeisen, Lewis
 Weiderhold, Janet
 Wilson, Jan
 Winkler, Mimi
 Winston, Laura
 Wise, John
 Wise, Leanne
 Zelek, Laureen

Treasurer Report

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA
 Treasurer's Report
 Financial Statement Beginning May 1, 2022 and Ending May 31, 2022

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	April 30, 2022		75,016.35
INCOME:			
	Membership Dues	2,059.20	
	2022 N/S - Entry Fees	4,306.22	
	2022 N/S - Banquet	653.00	
	2022 N/S - Grooming Seminar	525.00	
	2022 N/S - Raffle	1,005.00	
	2022 N/S - Logo Merchandise	1,251.00	
	2022 N/S - Marked Catalog	57.15	
	2022 N/S - Catalog Ads	160.00	
	2022 N/S - Catalog Sales	586.00	
	2022 N/S - Silent Auction	4,812.00	
	2022 N/S - Pouch Money	1,200.00	
	2022 N/S - Grooming Table Rental	60.00	
	2022 N/S - Sales	468.00	
	2022 N/S - Judges Education	175.00	
	2020 and 2021 Plaque Shipping fees	108.00	
	Application Fees	150.00	
	Total		17,575.57
	Health		
	Raffle and Sales	2,041.00	
	Donations	255.00	
	Total		2,296.00
	Agility		
	Total		-
TOTAL INCOME			19,871.57
EXPENSE:			
	BFCA Website	231.32	
	2022 Futurity	678.51	
	2022 N/S Welcome Night	375.46	
	2022 N/S Judges Expenses	719.64	
	2022 N/S Logo Merchandise	1,685.59	
	2022 N/S Grooming Seminar	277.32	
	2022 N/S Hotel Expenses	10,259.35	
	Sunshine Expenses	234.44	
	2022 Parent Club Specialty	100.00	
	BFCNNJ Catalog Ad	50.00	
	Zoom Videoconference	158.59	
	Paypal Expenses	120.10	
	Office Supplies	58.00	
	Membership Committee Expenses	43.01	
	Sales - Returned check, closed account	95.00	
	Bank Charge - Immediate Cash Deposit	17.98	
	Total		15,104.31
	Health		
	Research Sponsorship - Univ of Minn	6,000.00	
	Sales Items	76.32	
	Paypal Expenses	9.69	
	Total		6,086.01
	Agility		
	Total		-
TOTAL EXPENSE			21,190.32
NET GAIN/LOSS			\$ (1,318.75)
BFCA OPERATING BALANCE	June 30, 2022		\$ 7,770.09
BFCA RESERVE BALANCE	June 30, 2022		\$ 50,000.00
BFCA HEALTH BALANCE	June 30, 2022		\$ 15,927.51
TOTAL CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	June 30, 2022		\$ 73,697.60
PAYPAL BALANCE	June 30, 2022		\$ 500.00
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE	April 30, 2022	60,286.23	
Interest Income		1.01	
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE	June 30, 2022		\$ 60,287.24
TOTAL FUNDS	June 30, 2022		\$ 134,484.84

Delegate Report

Mayno Blanding

The last Delegate Meetings were on June 13 and 14. I attended the All-Breed Clubs Committee Meeting as I was part of the presentation, and the Health Committee Meeting.

ALL-BREED CLUBS COMMITTEE

Board Liaison Report: There is a new joint registration program between Canadian KC and the AKC.

Limited Registration: Delegate Irish Setter Club of America asked Why do breeders use limited registration, and why is it getting more popular? She challenged the committee to study the issue.

Judging Assignments: There was a discussion by the AKC Board regarding assisting judges by limiting judges with 150 or more dog assignments to no more than two group assignments at a show.

Group Realignment/Placements Increase? There was discussion of another realignment of groups and a proposal to increase group placements from 4 to 6.

Delegate Judges Rules: Judges who are also Delegates are not supposed to charge fees for judging. This issue was revisited. Are we keeping good people out of the Delegate Body by not allowing fees?

Event Analysis Subcommittee Report: Thirteen of the COVID provisions that were enacted have been made permanent. The Bred-by-Exhibitor Class has been divided into Puppy and Adult.

Dog Show Best Practices: All Clubs should have a show budget. Details of Revenue and Expenses for shows should be separate from club budgets and financials. Clubs should build a reserve into the budget for unseen events. Using a club-purchased laptop that can be passed from one treasurer to the next is very helpful. Recommend clubs purchase travel insurance for judges so they can be reimbursed for air expenses the clubs have paid when trips were cancelled. Judges' contracts should include show cancellation policies
E.g.: AKC refund of application fees if cancellation due to COVID

How to deal with hotel cancellations if judges leave early or don't show

Improving Communications: Emphasized the importance of good communication between club boards and general membership. Suggested ways to do this. BFCA is doing their best to improve communication.

Ring Stewards Discussion: *I was asked to attend the meeting* so I could tell Delegates about what my local all-breed club is doing for Stewards, to talk about my seminars, and the book I have almost completed on stewarding. *AKC is developing a Best Practices for Stewards and has invited me to participate.*

Bailey's Book Club: Book donations for Title 1 K-12 schools. Amazon has a list of dog-related books that can be purchased for donation. AKC has a donate button on their website.

CANINE HEALTH COMMITTEE

AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF): More than \$2 million have been awarded for 27 new research grants. Eleven peer-reviewed articles from previous research grants have been published. The current AKC/CHF research portfolio, including the grants awarded thus far in 2022, may be accessed at:

<https://www.akcchf.org/research/our-research> Current research projects seeking to enroll canine participants are listed at: <http://www.akcchf.org/participate>

AKC/CHF has offered to act as a broker for clubs who want to invest in a problem of interest to their breeds. The advantages include evaluation of the quality of the proposed study by the Scientific Review Committee of the CHF and periodic follow-up by Foundation Staff to insure timely completion and appropriate publication of the results of the study. *I have shared this with our Health committee.*

Genetic Testing: Genetic testing reports are often poorly reported and unaccompanied by counseling regarding the clinical relevance of results. This leads to confusion among dog breeders. This confusion has been compounded by the lack of ready access to genetic counseling. North Carolina State Veterinary School no longer offers this service, and the project "Harmonization of Genetic Testing for Dogs," which was to have been a vehicle to improve the standardization and access to robust genetic testing for dogs, as developed by the International Partnership for Dogs, appears to have foundered.

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A robust discussion by committee members and guests, with Dr. MacLeay in attendance, led to the forceful expression of the need for leadership in this area by the Canine Health Committee and the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Among the suggestions offered were

- 1) Improvement of the Health Survey offered by the OFA to make it more specific to the needs of each breed and more useful as an epidemiological tool,
- 2) Greater educational support for breeders and breed clubs, particularly their health committees, which seemed overly responsive to the particular concerns of their members,
- 3) Need for the AKC and or the AKC/CHF to become much more involved in the area of genetic testing.

CHIC: Over 6000 new CHIC numbers have been issued this year. Newly issued CHIC numbers are reported to the AKC monthly and are now added to pedigrees.

Veterinary outreach: Fourteen “Meet the AKC” programs have been conducted so far this year.

AKC has worked with local kennel clubs to coordinate dog show tours for veterinary students.

Mari-Beth O’Neill and Dr. Darin Collins met with the interim veterinary school dean at North Carolina State for a second meeting on matters of mutual interest including the future of the theriogenology residency program at that institution. A new program at Tufts will pair students with breeders and will extend from health testing of the dogs to be bred through whelping and will incorporate breeders’ courses in the AKC Canine College as well as a dog show tour. \$72,000 in scholarships has been awarded.

AKC Preservation Bank: For the past eleven months, attorneys have been preparing incorporation documents which should allow the IRS to bestow non-for-profit status. Until the organization has an official existence, individual Parent Clubs should work on the following, *which BFCA is doing now:*

- 1) Contact Dr. Garvin, if the club has not done so, to indicate an interest in being involved.
- 2) Decide what would work best as a decision-making body - the club board, the health committee, or a newly formed committee. A format for dispute resolution is currently being prepared by the AKC, which will give guidance to the clubs in handling disputes.
- 3) Designate a specific representative. This individual will be responsible for signing the registration forms on behalf of the club should a litter be produced from semen in the bank. He/she will also be responsible for all communications with the preservation facility.
- 4) Discuss recommendations for acceptance of semen and for distribution of semen.
- 5) Identify the breed-specific issues or health problems which need to be addressed and for conformation attributes which need to be emphasized? (These can be changed in the future.)
- 6) What is the relevant information which should be posted on the club website in reference to the specimens submitted—pedigrees, photographs, videos?

For insurance/liability issues, Dr. Garvin states that preservation facilities will need to have practices and procedures which minimize risk. Donation and distribution forms need to state that there are no guarantees with respect to the success of a breeding or the production of puppies.

PARENT CLUBS MEETING

Although I was unable to attend the Parent Clubs Meeting, I got the following from the Minutes:

Norway legislation: Harvey Wooding Spoke on the upsetting news of further breed specific legislation that has been passed in Norway. He read a letter posted on Facebook by Teena Meador. Animal rights activists in Europe are pushing an agenda that goes far beyond the typical dock & crop issues concentrating their efforts on brachycephalic breeds. One such regulation requires a yearly X-ray on all Poms for patellar issues. This is all done in the name of animal safety. It’s just a matter of time before these activists leverage their success in Europe and try the same tactics here in the U.S. It’s up to us to make sure this does not happen. *For the full text of this Facebook entry, please contact me.*

Juniors: The AKC approved a 1-year pilot eliminating the ownership requirements for a dog to be exhibited by a Junior in any AKC Event. This program began on 7/1/2022. Should the pilot program be deemed a success after the 1-year trial and we see increases in Junior participation, the Board will consider making the policy permanent. The program allows Juniors to compete in all Performance and Companion events with a dog they do not own. This program does NOT include Conformation as there is a separate program already in place for Junior Conformation. This program would allow Juniors to gain a point for participation and additional points for attaining a qualifying score in events

in which they participate. 4-H Manual. The 4-H Dog Project Manual is now on the Delegate Portal. The purpose is to provide a comprehensive guide for 4-H leaders and members.

The committee also recommended that AKC recruit Juniors to participate in a 'Learn About Social Media' program since they often know more about these things than we do and, of course, they are dealing with their peers who could be seen as potential candidates to join an AKC Junior program. 4 clubs have submitted updates to their breed flyers and several clubs have also been approached to create their breed flyer for publication.

Specialty Show Site Committee: Requested that Parent Club Delegates responsible for their National Specialty End-of-Show report also include filling out the 10-question site survey developed by the Committee. Directions were given. This is important because they are collecting all this information to share among all the clubs. *BFCA is participating in this.*

Parent Club Breeder's Development Committee Report: The Eddy Award, designed to recognize clubs who have an outstanding Breeder's Education Program, was approved by the Board of Directors. There are to be 3 recipients of this award annually. Clubs will be divided into 3 tiers based on their size. Nominations for recipients will receive nomination information on June 1st and must forward a nomination no later than September 1st. The first awards will be presented during the AKC National Championship in December of 2023.

Breeder Education Coordinator: The Committee had also asked the Board to add a club's Breeder Education Coordinator to its existing database of club officers and committee members that must be submitted annually to AKC. This has been approved.

Juniors: There was a huge discussion about Juniors – too much to include here. If anyone is interested in this, please email me: maynob@gmail.com

Purebred Preservation: More information was discussed about this and has been shared with the Health committee.

Independent Specialties: AKC Board changed the policy to allow 2 independent specialties on the same day and to have 4 days of specialties during the year in conjunction with their concurrent specialty. Add the Parent Club in and that gives a club the opportunity to host 5 such specialties within a given calendar year. There are distance limitations and territorial rights to assure that another club cannot infringe on its territory if it wants to host as many specialties as some local specialty clubs are now allowed to present. The Parent Club can also be used by local specialty clubs to host even more than that number of independent specialties. There is no limit to the number of specialties they can allow. This will take a lot of coordination between these various specialty clubs so Guy is asking the leadership of those clubs to work with each other to assure that one club is not stepping on another's toes.

Pupdate Update: Club Development has been working on many different elements designed to increase membership in AKC breed clubs. Pupdate is designed to inform recipients on many areas involved with raising a puppy while, at the same time, promoting membership within the Parent Club. That seems to be working very well. Pupdates are sent out every week for the first 48 weeks of the puppy's life.

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BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

Summer 2022

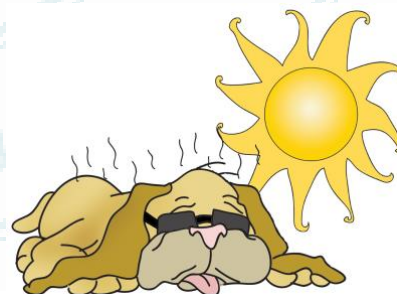
Rescue has been busy with getting ready for the Bash, which is only a couple months away. We are working on getting donations of gift cards, toys, clothing, and everything a Bichon wants and dreams of. Our Bash will be held on Sunday, September 18, at the Northern Fauquier Community Park in Marshall, Virginia.

So far this year we have taken in over 30 Bichons. We currently have 10 Bichons in foster care waiting to be adopted. Two of these Bichons came to us in severe condition. They were extremely thin and had several medical issues. Their fosters are taking good care of them; and we hope that with medication, good food, and love they will soon be ready for adoption.

Over the past 30 days, we received 4,856 visits to our website. We get numerous inquiries from people asking about Bichons. Some inquiries are for adoption and fostering. However, we get a lot of questions about health, house training, and other general issues.

We are still looking for contributions for our Bash art show. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact us at BFCarescue@gmail.com

Zandra Kern
Co-Chair and Trustee
Bichon Frise Club of America
Charitable Trust
www.bichonrescue.org





BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST FINANCIAL REPORT

Est. 2003

June 30, 2022

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	39,105.97
Other Current Assets	<u>4,358.42</u>
Total Current Assets	43,464.39
Other Assets	<u>719.11</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	44,183.50
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	<u>44,183.50</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	44,183.50

INCOME STATEMENT 2022

	Jan - Mar 22	Apr - Jun 22	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income	15,774.30	8,727.77	24,502.07
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>144.62</u>	<u>123.96</u>	<u>268.58</u>
Gross Profit	15,629.68	8,603.81	24,233.49
Expense	<u>16,530.20</u>	<u>18,099.13</u>	<u>34,629.33</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-900.52	-9,495.32	-10,395.84
Net Income	-900.52	-9,495.32	-10,395.84

Judges Education Report

The Judges Seminar at national this year was not just a seminar for judges but also for BFCA mentors and members. We had a large group of folks for the seminar presented by Lorrie Carlton. The power point reviewed the standard with slides and pictures showing good and bad examples of Bichons. Many good questions were asked by the judges and answered by Lorrie. It was a great educational seminar for all who attended.

After the power point presentation members were excused and we did a hands-on presentation with 6 dogs for the judges to evaluate. The judges gave excellent grades for the seminar and we got good suggestions from the judges for future seminars. We also had 5 mentors involved in ring side mentoring with a guest session for our judges with Australian judge John Hutchinson. Thank you to Lorrie Carlton and all our mentors and members for making our Judges Seminar a great success.

Mary Spruiell



Futurity



Hello Bichon Frise Breeders!

In 2022 **Kim Furlong** introduced the BFCA National Specialty to **Futurity** Competition...

It was a new, fun and exciting activity.

This year we will continue the Futurity Competition at the BFCA National Specialty 2023 in Minneapolis

How do I Nominate my Litter?

1. Nominate Your Litter

The Futurity process begins while the bitch is in whelp—BEFORE the puppies are whelped! By nominating the bitch while she is in whelp, the breeders take a stand and make a statement that they believe in this breeding and are excited about the offspring that will be produced. The breeder does not need to be a member of BFCA to participate.

- To nominate your litter, go the bichon.org website and search Futurity. You will find a link for the Nomination Form along with all the details and rules needed to participate.
- Complete the form and mail your Nomination Form accompanied by \$25.00 to the Futurity Secretary.
- Each breeder may nominate 10 litters per Futurity year.
- Puppies must be 6 - 18 months on May 4, 2023 to be nominated for the 2023 Futurity Competition at the 47th BFCA National in Minneapolis, MN.

2. Puppy Nomination Form- 3 Month

- The Form includes the 3-month-old form and the 6-month-old form.
- The three-month form must be sent to the Futurity Secretary and postmarked no later than the 3-month whelping date.
- The whelping date must be included
- If the breeder is sure at three months of age the litter/puppy is a show prospect, the breeder shall send the three-month form with \$10 per puppy.

3. Puppy Nomination Form 6 Month

- At six-month nomination form includes the registered name of each puppy
- The breeder must send the form postmarked no later than six months after the whelping date and \$25.00 per puppy.

• **When is the last date I can nominate a litter for the 2023 National? November 4, 2022** because the puppy must be at least six months old at the time of the Minneapolis 2023 National to compete on May 4, 2023. Beginning on November 4, 2021, nominations will begin for the 2023 National in Minneapolis, MN to include 18-month-old puppies.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. If I enter Futurity, do I have to enter my puppy in the regular classes?
 - *Yes, otherwise your entry will not be accepted. Thus, you must remember to enter your puppy in their age-appropriate class as well as the additional class for futurity.*
2. *If I nominated three puppies from one litter, but only two are turning out to be show prospects, can I just continue with those two puppies?*
 - *Yes!*
3. *Can you still show a puppy in Futurity if that puppy has earned their Championship?*
 - *Yes! In addition, you can be proud of the fact that your puppy's early promise has been fulfilled. However, in this breed, many finish as adults thus there is a good chance most competing will not yet be champions.*
4. *Once I have sent in my nomination, three-month and six-month paperwork, what else do I have to do?*
 - *The only thing left is to enter your puppy in the correct age-appropriate class and the additional class of futurity when you do your entries for the National Specialty.*
5. *Will I receive a ribbon for my placement?*
 - *Yes, you will receive a ribbon and a cash payout.*
6. *Is there only one Best in Futurity?*
 - *There is a Best in Futurity as well as a Best Opposite Sex in Futurity.*
7. *How do I know which Futurity event to nominate my litter in?*
 - *It is based on the age of your litter/puppies. The puppies must be between 6-18 months **at the time of the show** to be eligible.*
8. *If I am sure at three months of age my puppy is a show prospect, may I send the three and six-month nominations at the same time?*
 - *Yes, but you must include a registered name as well as the sire/dam. If you are waiting on results from a dual sired litter, for example, then you cannot send both. Also, be sure to write the check for the amount of the three- and six-month nomination fee.*
9. *Is there a cash payout for placements in Futurity?*
 - *Yes, with the higher placements receiving higher dollar amounts.*
10. *When is the last date I can nominate a litter for the 2023 BFCA National Specialty?*
 - *November 4, 2022, because the puppy must be at least six months old at the time of the Minneapolis BFCA National Specialty to compete. Beginning on November 4, 2021, nominations will begin for the 2023 National in Minneapolis, MN to include 18-month-old puppies.*

Please feel free to contact me. I am glad to answer any questions.

2023 Futurity Secretary
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Bichon Frise Club of America BREEDER REFERRAL REPORT *April 2021 - March 2022*

ACTIVITY BREAKDOWN

Month	E-Mail	Calls
April 2021	10	12
May 2021	3	2
June 2021	5	4
July 2021	2	5
August 2021	3	10
September 2021	6	7
October 2021	0	7
November 2021	2	3
December 2021	5	6
January 2022	2	3
February 2022	0	3
March 2022	3	2
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Membership Report

Summer 2022

Sheri Kennedy

NEW MEMBERS (Sponsors)

Elaine Rude
8044 Island Court
Las Cruces, NM 88007
(Carol Fellbaum & Erayna Beckman)

Jose Rojas & David Toombs
411 Scott Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27403
(Kathie Vogel & Cathy Miller)

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (Sponsors)

All BFCFA members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Roz Allen, 1681 Meadow Vista Road, Meadow Vista, CA 95722 or kibbykat@aol.com by August 15, 2022.

Ana Marin
2614 Whitetip Ct
Katy, TX 77449
(Kayley Kovar & Patricia A. Reiner Benson)

Gabriela Herrarte
2614 Whitetip Ct
Katy, TX 77449
(Kayley Kovar & Patricia A. Reiner Benson)





Register of Merit Report

Summer 2022

Congratulations to the following dogs that have been awarded ROM/ROMX titles.



GCHG Barberry's Take A Chance On Me ROM
"Fynn"

Breeders

Paula & Matt Abbott, Paula Hendricks, Lisa Bettis

Owners

Ellen Charles, Paula & Matt Abbott, Lisa Bettis

*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.

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

1. An AKC Progeny Report for the sire or dam, listing the Champions of Record available from the AKC online store or a copy of the publications from the AKC Gazette, AKC Awards, BFCA Banquet Awards Booklets or Bichon Reporters verifying Champions of Record.
2. A copy of current AKC registration

Mail or Email to: Roz Allen
1681 Meadow Vista Road
Meadow Vista, CA 95722
lorebichon@icloud.com

Bichon Frise Club of San Diego



The Bichon Frise Club Of San Diego

2022 Summer Specialty Show Recap

By Deb Gibb

Celebrating our 60th Specialty show! It was a wonderful summer weekend in the country being outside with amazing dogs and dog lovers. This year's Bichon Frise Club of San Diego Summer Specialty was part of three days of shows at the Bates Nut Farm, in conjunction with the Bahia Sur Kennel Club all breed shows. The weather was outstanding, with cool breezes and plenty of shade under the huge trees that surrounded the venue. The awards were amazing...bichon statues and beautiful rosettes...coveted by all.

On Friday and Sunday the club offered a supported entry for Bichons and key placements received beautiful rosettes. The 60th Specialty was on Saturday with **Mrs. Carolyn Alexander judging conformation and Michelle Mixon judging Sweepstakes**. Ms. Mixon had this to say about our youngsters...

There were some lovely puppies present and I'm sure their owners will have a lot of fun showing them in the future as their quality was very nice. They had very nice temperaments and were well presented. Most had nice large, dark eyes and halos. The 6 – 9 mos. puppy dog was quite striking and showed well. With a little more time he will develop nicely. He was my Best of Opposite Sex. The puppy bitches were also nice and well presented. They all had nice movement. Both males and females could have used better coat and grooming, but that's easier said than done with puppy coats. The 12 – 15 mos. class winner won her class and was my Best of Sweepstakes on her balance, lovely expression and pretty face.

Top placements for this year's BFCSD Specialty were:

- Best In Specialty Show: **GCH CH J'Adorable's Spice Of Life / BOS: CH Amber's Belle Creek's Fairpride Francois**



Thank you to all our club members, show sponsors, exhibitors and guests who made our Summer Specialty a success.

For more information and photos from our Summer 2022 Specialty, please visit our club website

<http://bichonfriseclubofsandiego.com/2022specialty-summer/>



Hey Bichon Nation, there is a new kid in town and it is growing up fast! In 2018 the Sunshine State Bichon Frise Club was just a thought in the mind of founder Sheila Feldman. The road to AKC recognition is long and bumpy and after several disappointments and setbacks, plus Covid interruptions, Sheila decided to back away. The dream never left her. In 2021 she made another attempt to begin a Bichon Frise Club to the state of Florida.

This time a new slate of Officers and Board Members was put into place and led by none other than President Gail Antetomaso. With her experience and connections, Gail was able to navigate the AKC system, solidify our Constitution and By-Laws and finally receive sanction from AKC in early 2022.

The first official event for SSBFC was to represent the Bichon Frise in the AKC Meet the Breed that was held in Tampa in April. This is a standalone event that is not connected to a show or any other happening. Club members reached back into history and used a circus theme to present our little dogs as the stars that they are. Ten club members were on hand to take turns serving as “Ringmasters” over the long weekend.

Our Logo, created by club member Lindsey Dicken, was used for the first time as an ad in this year's BFCA National Specialty Catalog. For the ten SSBFC members who showed their dogs at Nationals, seeing our club's name and logo in print was an emotional moment. We had worked so long and so hard to be recognized, and we felt as if we had finally made it!

The next milestone is to complete our B-Match which will take place in Tampa in August. Plans are well underway at this time and everyone is looking forward to introducing our club to the Florida Dog Show Community.

It has been an exciting time. The club is continuing to grow its membership, all the while being careful to ensure that we accept only those people who have the best interest of the breed at heart. The Officers, Board Members, and Club Members understand that we are “keepers of the breed” and are committed to that end.

Lin Freidline, Secretary, SSBFC, Inc.

Bichon Frise Club of Northern New Jersey

The Bichon Frise Club of Northern New Jersey (BFCNNJ) met in May to discuss our March specialty show at the NJ Expo Center in Edison, the upcoming Bridgewater show in September, and other club business. Additionally, club members and other Whitebred owners were invited to participate in a discussion led by Erin Fitzpatrick, owner of The Posh Pooch Daycare and Spa, Cherry Hill. Erin shared tips and answered questions about grooming, boarding, and general Bichon Frise care.

BFCNNJ was formed in 1975 and incorporated in June 1981, and incorporated with the AKC for Conformation and Obedience in 1983. BFCNNJ advanced to the Plan A level for Conformation and Obedience in 1990, and was licensed for Conformation and Obedience on May 7, 1991. The Club has held 33 Specialties since 1991.

Thank you,
Janet Carson
BFCNNJ Secretary



BFCA National Specialties



The 46th Annual BFCA National Specialty was a great hit with well over one hundred gorgeous Bichons Frises and the first Futurity Competition! It was great to see everyone again!!! Those who were at the banquet dressed in gorgeous twenties fashions. We had a ball!!!!

Thank you to our exceptional volunteers Lillian Endo, Matt Abbott, Kayley Kovar, Merry Nicole Meyer, Dina Taylor, Carol Fellbaum, Betty Ribble, Roz Allen, Paula Hendricks, Nancy McDonald, John Wise, Ben Anderson, Larry Letsche, John Hutchison, Lorrie Carlton, Wendy Ball, Gail Antetomaso and Judy Beckham for your extraordinary work to make the week fabulous for all who participated!

We thank our Judges Bill McFadden-Conformation, Carol Fellbaum-Sweepstakes, Karen Graeber-Bred By, Larry Letsche-Futurity, Jim Fehring -4-6-month puppies, and Helen Smith-Obedience and Rally.

...And last but certainly not least we are most appreciative of our exhibitors!

We want to give a special thank you to the fabulous work of Show Secretary Anna Vaughn and our wonderful photographer, Lennah, who will join us, again, in Minneapolis!



We look forward to the 47th BFCA National Specialty That 70's Dog Show in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Activities will begin May 2. The Show is Thursday May 4 and May 5, 2023.

We are organizing committee work now. Please contact Donna DeMartini 916-847-0151 by phone or text if you are interested in volunteering. We look forward to adding new volunteers to our team!!! Merry Nicole Meyers is gathering designs to select the 2023 Logo! We can't wait to see the result!