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**Minutes of the 48th Annual Meeting of
The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.
MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
LOMBARD, IL**

Roll Call

Abbott, Matt	Haines, Carol	Paulson, Karen
Adams, Cynthia	Halstead, Vickie	Philpot, Laurie
Anderson, Ben	Hamilton, Richard	Philpot, Vincent
Andrew, Kathy	Hamilton, Shirley	Potts, Terrell
Anneser, Susan	Hanson, Kieth	Pritchard, Harriet
Antetomaso, Gail	Hanson, Sandra	Purnell, Laura
Ball, Wendy	Hendel, Bob	Ramich, Lynn
Beckham, Judy	Hendel, Shirley	Reuter, Patricia
Blanding, Mayno	Hendricks, Paula	Ribble, Betty
Carlton, Lorrie	Hollan, Debbie	Rowe PhD, Linda
Chesbro, Howard	Huddleston, Laura	Rubin, Joanne
Chesbro, Karen	Hunter, Dale	Ruggles, Cecelia
Cook, Linda	Jamison, Janet	Savage, Betsy
Day, Rick	Jones, Donna	Scarborough, Shauna
Dillon, Katherine	Kellerman, Wendy	Sikes, George
Dorris, Patricia	Letsche DVM, Larry	Sikes, Avannell
Elias, Jewel	Lockwood, Kim	Sorenson, Deedy Pierce
Endo, Lillian	Loynachan, Kathleen	Sorenson, Larry
Erickson, Daniel	Mallon, Dianne	Spruiell, Mary
Feldman, Sheila	Mathog, Deena	Stubbs, Barbara
Fitch, Anna	McDonald, Nancy	Swindle, Sue
Fitch, Larry	McFarlane, Diana	Uva, Stephanie
Frisch, Toby	McNamara, Judy	Van Keuren, Lindsay
Fry, Lee	Miles, Alan	Wotton, Myra
Gibb, Debra	Miles, Maureen	Total members present: 80
Glass, Jean	Muklewicz, Nancy	
Goldman, Pam	Noonan, Nancy	
Graeber, Karen	Orvos-Russell, Robyn	

The meeting was called to order by Kieth Hanson, President, at The Westin, Yorktown Center, Lombard, IL at 10:10am on May 11, 2012. Roll was taken with 80 members present and a quorum was declared by the Recording Secretary.

A motion by Toby Frisch was made to approve the 2011 Annual Meeting minutes as printed in the Summer Bulletin and was seconded by Lorrie Carlton and approved.

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NEW MEMBERS

The president asked each new member and their sponsor to stand as their names were called: Dan Erickson sponsored by Dianne Mallon and Barbara Stubbs; Debra Gibb sponsored by Linda Rowe and Barbara Stubbs; Deena Mathog sponsored by Sandra Hanson and Paula Hendrick; Karen Paulsen sponsored by Sue Swindle and Chuck Watts; Michelle and Rachael Zobolas sponsored by Sandra Madia and Lindsey Van Keuren. The president welcomed the new members and expressed the hope that each would have a chance to meet current members and, more importantly, that they were made to feel at home by the membership.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The President reminded all present that they received a copy of the revised Constitution and Bylaws as they entered the meeting room. The revision was voted upon by the membership and subsequently approved by the AKC. Kieth wanted to personally thank Avaneil Sikes, Judy McNamara and Lisa Des Camps for their efforts on this undertaking.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Judy McNamara

As of May 1, 2011 our opening checking account balance was \$20,214.75. We had income of \$52,822.45 and expenses of \$53,812.64. Our net loss was \$991.19 of income over expenses. Overall our financial situation has improved slightly. We did not have to transfer from our savings but have not been able to replace the \$15,000 we transferred last year.

Our dues have been \$25.00 since the 1980's. It is time to increase the dues to \$40.00 as indicated in the mailing for the Constitution and Bylaws. Individual membership will be \$40.00 and Household will be \$50.00.

BOARD MEETING DISCUSSIONS

The president continued with discussions held at the board meeting and indicated that there will be presentations later in the meeting from committee chairs. The first board discussion was regarding our membership base. The base has stayed at about 308 members for the past 10 years. There has been no growth. We feel it is time to look at broadening our membership base by through performance, rescue and fanciers of the breed. Fanciers are not competitors or rescue but are more than an owner of a Bichon puppy and have an interest in the breed for the sake of the breed and the dog. A committee was appointed by the Board to look at the membership applications and to find ways of opening up the requirements. This committee will be Karen Chesbro, who is our Membership Chair, Judy McNamara and Gail Antetomaso.

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Gail has the background in rescue and performance and Judy in the conformation area. Any ideas or comments will be welcomed by the committee.

The nominating committee has been appointed who will select the slate for the next two years. Avaneil Sikes, as the Board chair, Sherry Watts and Janet Jamison. The volunteer forms will come out in the Fall Bulletin and if you have an interest please fill it out and return it. We usually select the slate by December.

The next discussion was regarding the BFCA website. Unfortunately the Committee Chair, Lisa Des Camps, was unable to attend due to work conflicts. In her absence, the Board discussed the need to either update the website as it is now or determine how we want to change. The PayPal area is somewhat costly in the way the BFCA uses it and the Board will look at that as well as some other ways we can improve the site and reduce the cost. If you have an interest in websites, we need your help. Maintaining the website is a lot of work and we will be back to you later for future plans. We need to rely on volunteers for this work.

Emailing the Bulletin has been a success. We are down to about 50 postal mailings which has reduced cost to the club. The president thanked all of those who participate in the email process. Some members indicated that they had not been receiving club email. Kieth indicated the Board will look into it.

The Pictorial deadline is June 1st at a cost of \$10.00.

There will be approximately 7 judges at this show for Judges Education. Kieth asked that they be afforded every courtesy.

HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT by Nancy McDonald

The Health Committee continues to look for studies which will benefit the Bichon in the areas of skin problems and allergies, bladder stones, dental disease, patellar luxation, and cataracts. The Morris Animal Foundation sent information on a study for the Genetic Basis of Calcium Oxalate Stones featuring the Bichon as one of the five high risk breeds and participation was approved by the Board.

The original focus for this research was to study the DNA of the following breeds: Miniature Schnauzer, Miniature Poodle, Bichon Frise, Shi Tzu and the Yorkshire terrier. They are hoping to identify a mutated chromosome marker for a DNA screening test. Dr. Furrow, a lead researcher, informed us the research focus had been reduced to Miniature Schnauzers and Bichons after finding high levels of calcium in urine of these breeds.

Preliminary results showed an association between stones and a set of markers on one region of a chromosome. They are currently testing genes in that region for the presence of mutations. They know that at least one of the stone-forming Bichons in the study has the same markers in that region as the stone-forming Miniature Schnauzers. So there is a very real possibility that we will find a mutation that accounts for stone risk in both breeds.

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Dr. Furrow needs affected Bichons to come to University of Minnesota to participate. She also needs blood DNA samples from affected Bichons that cannot come to her clinic. She has provided an instruction sheet for the veterinarian and will provide the FedEx budget number for shipping.

More information will follow in Health Times. A full explanation was available to the meeting participants and information will be available on the BFCA website.

BFCA/RESCUE TRUST REPORT by Gail Antetomaso and Lynn Ramich

Lynn reported in 2011/2012 the Rescue Committee placed about 100 dogs. Most were Bichons. Some are in permanent foster care due to unknown problems at the time of rescue. One has congestive heart failure, one with cancer, another with renal failure and one with severe epilepsy.

Lynn wanted to recognize the following members for supporting rescue: Susie Williams who never fails to come through, Debbie Lamb who cancelled a vacation to supervise the birth of a pregnant rescue and cared for the puppies until they could be placed; Shirley Hendel who takes in sick and older dogs; Nancy Muklewicz, Ed Peterson, Lucy Ellis, Karen Graeber, Larry and Deedy Sorenson, Paula and Matt Abbott, Cindy Adams, Paula Hendricks, Paula Bender, and Maryland Bichon Rescue who raises funds for BFCA Rescue.

One problem seen this last year was the increase in relinquished senior dogs. Out of 20 relinquishments, 12 were seniors mostly over the age of 12. Females can sometimes be placed, but males are never able to be placed. Rescue is putting these dogs on Petfinders and then asking the owners to keep the dog until a placement can be found. There has been some measure of success with this method.

Gail reported the trustees for the coming year are Gail Antetomaso, Lynn Ramich, Judy McNamara, Lillian Endo and Avanel Sikes. Matt Abbott will take over the bookkeeping for the trust. For CY 2011, the beginning balance was \$22,135.53 and the ending balance was \$36,674.81. The income which included adoption rescue and donations was \$60,140.04. The expenses of which veterinary expenses was the greatest cost was \$45,600.76. We came out ahead last year.

For year-to-date 7 May, the income was \$20,189.72 and expenses were \$22,748.61. In September 2011, rescue received from Barbara Chappell, Companion Rescue Retreat, a \$10,000 gift.

Gail thanked all who helped and reminded the meeting that two items are in the Auction tagged for Rescue.

2012 SPECIALTY REPORT by Donna Jones

Donna welcomed everyone to Chicago. The Banquet will be tonight in the Magnolia Ballroom at 6:30 and 5:30 for cocktails. Some "minor" problems have occurred. Onofrio had a truck breakdown (with the plastic for the ballroom) in Topeka, Kansas. Rick Day went to Home Depot to get plastic to lay over the carpet and this afternoon the guys will start installing so that grooming can be set up.

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Donna recognized the following Mary Spruiell, Debbie Hollan and Wendy Ball for collecting items and putting together the goodie bags; Kathy Andrews for making a donation to the goodie bag funds, tee shirt sales by Wendy Ball, Rick Day as well as all the others who have supported the efforts. The signup sheets for tables will be at the tee shirt sales area. Centerpieces were supplied by the Chicagoland and will be for sale after the banquet. There have been no complaints from the hotel and the hotel has been very easy to work with.

AUCTION REPORT by Katherine Dillon

Kat thanked everyone for their donations. Last year the auction went on and on so this year they came up with another plan. On Welcome Night, the silent auction items will be displayed. They will be again set up at 5:30 tonight in the Banquet room. The raffle items will be also set up and ticket sales will continue up to the point of the raffle closing. At that time the auction clipboards will be collected and the winners will be announced. Two items will go to Rescue and one item is for Health.

Kieth asked for feedback on the Board's attempts to shorten the Banquet night by starting earlier and revamping the auction.

JUDGES SELECTION PROCESS by Betty Ribble

Betty commended the membership on filling out the ballots correctly as in past several ballots had to be disqualified. The multi-step process was explained.

The first round nominations including a list of approved AKC judges as of October 1st of each year is sent to each member. Three names (or less) in any order are entered, the member's name is signed and printed and returned. Each ballot is dated, from the postmark, upon receipt by the chairman. Another important area to fill out is the statement if you do not wish to serve as a judge. This statement is valid for only the current year.

The second round ballot takes the top ten names from the first round. The ballot is weighted based on the order (three nominations) entered. The first choice gets three points, the second choice gets two points, and the third choice gets one point. So if you lobby for a particular judge, ask your friends if they will put the candidate in first place on the ballot.

The third round ballot selects one conformation and one sweepstakes judge.

A ten-day to 2-week reminder is being explored by the committee. Betty thanked Linda Rowe for her double-check of all results.

Betty reminded all that the ballot is not an appropriate medium for complaints.

The nominated judge for 2013 will be Luc Boileau for conformation and Dale Hunter for sweepstakes. The judges for 2014 will be Toby Frisch for competition and Wendy Kellerman for sweep-

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stakes. Until the AKC approves the judges' panel, advertising these judges is not permissible.

2012 SPECIALTY REPORT by Lillian Endo

Lillian reported that work is underway for the Indianapolis event and that the logo will appear in the Bulletin. She asked for volunteers for committees and thanked those who have already volunteered.

PRESIDENT CLOSING REMARKS

Kieth elicited comments from the membership on potential competition for 4-6 month puppy class as recently announced by the AKC. Also, presented from the floor, was open show, top 20-25 competition by invitation, futurity competition, and Breeder of the Year. An open and lively discussion ensued. Kieth indicated that the Board will take these suggestions under advisement.

Award parchments will be available at the catalog table. The local club meeting will follow in the lounge area. A board meeting will follow this meeting at 1:00. Canine Good Citizen will take place at 2:00 PM.

A suggestion from the floor was made to recognize the top owner-handled dogs in the catalog next year.

Kieth was thanked by the Board for his leadership in assuming the role of President in a difficult situation. Kieth, in turn, thanked the Board, in easing his role. He also expressed his pleasure with the membership and their participation in this meeting.

The dismay at the lack of a seminar was shared by a member. Kieth pointed out that it was tried for this year and the Board informally agreed that it will be reinstated. A breeder forum was suggested. Larry Letsche also offered his services at last year's meeting.

Concern was expressed regarding Onofrio as a superintendent and a suggestion to the Board to consider a change was made from the floor.

Potential sites for National, the Sawmill Creek Resort in Ohio and the Eagle Crest Marriott in Michigan, were suggested by Larry Letsche.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 12:10 PM.

MEMBERSHIP DUES NOTICE

If you have not paid your BFCA dues for 2012-2013, please either go to the website and pay via PayPal or mail them right away to the Treasurer. Dues become delinquent on September 30th and must be received before that date in order to continue your membership.

If you have not received a Dues Notice please contact Diana McFarlane, Recording Secretary, immediately. Thank you.

2011/12 Annual Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report—Judy McNamara

**BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA
Treasurer's Report
Financial Statement Beginning May 1, 2011 and Ending April 30, 2012**

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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE MAY 1, 2011				\$20,214.75
INCOME:				
National Specialty				
	2011	\$23,757.25		
	2012	<u>16,429.92</u>	\$40,187.17	
Health			1,639.55	
Dues			6,391.62	
Sales			940.00	
Breeders Directory			3,220.00	
Membership			125.00	
Rescue			65.00	
Bulletin Postage			70.00	
Miscellaneous			<u>184.11</u>	
Total Income				\$52,822.45
EXPENSES:				
National Specialty				
	2011	\$30,106.76		
	2012	<u>6,749.81</u>	36,856.57	
		1,929.09		Bulletin
AKC Delegate			2,012.95	
PayPal			172.78	
Sales			545.80	
Insurance			1,635.00	
Judges Education			1,883.37	
Printing –Roster			749.06	
Ads			130.00	
Tax Return Preparation			500.00	
Telephone			407.60	
Recording Secretary Expense			940.16	
Dues and Fees			35.00	
Miscellaneous			12.58	
Treasurers Expense			73.21	
Awards			165.00	
Check Returned and Fee			78.17	
Liver Foundation-Sandy Madia			150.00	
Meet The Breeds			333.65	
AKC Flyers			109.17	
Webmaster			1,450.00	
Health Fund				
	CHF Seminar	\$ 582.80		
	Shipping	60.68		
	Stone Study	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>3,643.48</u>	
Total Expense				<u>53,812.64</u>
NET LOSS				<u>(990.19)</u>
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 30, 2012				\$28,224.56
PAYPAL BALANCE				500.00
BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE APRIL 30, 2011			\$35,087.43	
Interest Income.			<u>17.48</u>	
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE APRIL 30, 2012				<u>35,104.91</u>
TOTAL FUNDS APRIL 30, 2012				<u>\$63,829.47</u>

JUDY MCNAMARA, TREASURER APRIL 30, 2012

2011/12 Annual Committee Reports**Membership—Karen Chesbro****ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.
Member of the American Kennel Club, Inc.**

May 1, 2011 – May 1, 2012

The online application process continues to be a more expeditious way to complete the application process. Only occasionally are there minor problems. However, this is the exception rather than the rule.

I am still hopeful to be able to update the membership information provided online as well as make improvements to the application itself. The proposed changes will be presented to the Board for approval before their implementation. This was not able to be accomplished this past year, so is once again on the agenda for the upcoming year.

There were fewer applicants than last year. However, there are currently several in various stages of the process. One applicant voluntarily withdrew her application. The actual numbers are as follows:

	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2010/2011</u>
New Members Welcomed	6	12
Applications being processed	5	3
Unsuccessful Applicants/withdrawn app	1	4

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Chesbro
Membership Administrator

Sweepstakes & Special Attraction Critique—George Sikes

PUPPY SWEEPSTAKES:

I would like to thank BFCA and the membership for giving me this opportunity to Judge our National Sweepstakes and Special Attraction. It was quite an honor for me to be chosen to judge at our 37th National Specialty.

I enjoyed seeing so many nice entries. As a whole the exhibits were very well balanced, good movement, pretty faces, good pigment with very little makeup. I saw some improvement in rears over last year, but more loose fronts.

6-8 Puppy Dogs:

First was BELLE CREEK'S SON OF A GUN AT PARMELE. He had a pretty face, good attitude, good pigment with no makeup, and he was well balanced.

Second was STELLA DI ORO ASTON MARTIN PIMP DADDY'S MONEYMAKER. He was groomed excellent and had good reach and drive.

Third and Fourth in this class were both nice exhibits.

8-10 Puppy Dogs:

This was a very competitive class. First and second was a toss up.

First was HEIGHTS ITS IN THE BAG. He had a lovely coat. He was well balanced and good side movement, a pretty face and a strong rear. I would like to see him with a little more coat taken off. Second, BELLE CREEK'S SPICE OF LIFE had the same good qualities as the First place dog. He was a different type dog.

Three and Fourth in this class were nice exhibits.

10-12 Puppy Dogs:

First was DOGNEW'S JS3 PATRICK FCI. This puppy had excellent movement, good balance, a pretty face, good pigment, good coat and groomed to perfection. I really liked the attitude and substance this puppy had.

Second, WET KISSES SWEET WILLIAM. I liked the size and balance of this puppy, nothing extreme. He also matched the size of my #1 dog.

Third and Fourth in this class also were nice exhibits.

6-8 Puppy Bitches:

First, MUSICBOX SWORD OF ARYA, caught my eye the first time around the ring. She just stood out above the others. She had a nice expression, good coat, and still enough puppy in her to play and be mischievous. She was very well balanced with an excellent arching neck. I would like to see this puppy at 15 months.

Second, GLORYB AND OVERTOP'S PURPLE PEOPLE EATER, had a pretty face and was well balanced.

Third and Fourth Place puppy bitches were also nice exhibits.

8-10 puppy Bitches:

First, BELLE CREEK'S ZEST FOR LIFE, had a pretty face, well balanced, good movement and good muscle tone.

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Second, Height's Fashionista, was a little different type, well balanced and good coat. I would like to see her with a little more coat taken off. I liked the substance of this puppy.

Third and Fourth Place in this class were also nice exhibits.

10-12 Puppy Bitches:

First, OVERTOP GLORYB VICTORIA SECRET, had a pretty face, good balance and profile movement. She had good length of neck and was excellently groomed.

Second, OVERTOP POWER OF LOVE, was almost a carbon copy of the first place, except for the going and coming movement.

Third and Fourth place in this class were also nice.

BEST IN SWEEPSTAKES:

.All six class winners were very nice. They all appeared to be of good breeding, all well trained, beautifully groomed, and all were well balanced with good movement. The 10-12 Puppy Dog caught my eye the first time I saw him in the ring. So, Best in Seeps went to DOGNEWS JS3 PATRICK FCI. Best Opposite Sex to Best in Sweeps went to OVERTOP GLORYB VICTORIA SECRET.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION BRED-BY EXHIBITOR:

12-15 DOG:

First: PINK PAWS GOLDEN NUGENT had a lovely face, big round eyes with great pigment. He was very well balance and had excellent profile movement.

Second: LILLYWHITE'S HELLUVAHOBBY, had a pretty face, good pigment and nice movement. I liked him because, he was not extreme but a well balanced dog.

Third in this class was a nice dog.

15-18 Dogs:

There was only one exhibit in this class:

First, DESTINY'S WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE GAME. He had a nice head and he moved well.

Open Dog:

There was only one exhibit in this class:

First, AOLANI CRAIGDALE MARSHMALLOW PUFF. He had good pigment, a good attitude and was a very sound dog.

Dog Champions : This was a class of seven dogs, all worthy of being a champion and a Grand Champion.

First, GCH CH WENDAN OUT ON PAROLE FROM MUSICBOX, was groomed to perfection. He was well balanced with tremendous reach and drive, and he moved with such ease. He stood out from all the others.

Second, BELLE CREEK'S FLIGHT TO DEJAVU, had all the qualities as the first place dog, but the

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movement on the first place dog was a little more impressive.

Third and Fourth place both had all the qualities to be a champion and grand-champion.

12-15 Bitches:

First, RISGAE'S BUBBILICIOUS , a beautiful bitch, correct face, good balance with good movement. She was an eye-catcher when moving around the ring.

Second, WESEMAN'S MOST WANTED AT WENDAN, a nice bitch, but not quite the qualities and movement as the first place bitch.

Third place was a nice bitch.

Open bitch:

This was a tuff decision between the first and second place winners.

First, GEMSTONE PLAZA SWEET BUT SASSY, had a pretty face, good coat, well groomed and good profile movement.

Second, BRERETON'S GOOGLE THIS, had the same good qualities as the first place. I made my decision on profile around the ring.

Third and Fourth place winner were nice bitches, well presented.

The first line up of the seven Bred-By Winners was excellent. After seeing them go around the ring, my decision was still hard to make between Special Attraction Best of Breed GCH CH WENDAN OUT ON PAROLL FROM MUSICBOX and SPECIAL ATTRACTION BEST OPPOSITE SEX TO BEST OF BREED, CH BELLE CREEK'S OVER THE RAINBOW.

28 years ago when I first became involved in Bichons, I never dreamed that one day I would be chosen to judge the National Sweepstakes and Special Attraction (Bred-By-Exhibitor). My dream has come true. I thoroughly enjoyed my assignment. Thanks again.

Critique of the 37th Bichon Frise National Specialty—Loraine Boutwell

It was a real honor to once again be invited to judge the Bichon Frise National Specialty. My Ring Stewards were super helpful, my ring of ample size and the exhibitors and audience all showing good sportsmanship. I so appreciated that those in attendance applauded for each and every dog.

My critique will be a comparison of this entry to the entry I judged in 1995.

The entry at this show was much more consistent in size and shape. I found my winner's class in both dogs and bitches to be good examples of the breed. Often when I judge a large entry I know right away which of the entries will be my winners—this was not the case in either dogs or bitches. Most of my class winners were of good quality.

My Reserve Winner's in both sexes were very nice examples. During the picture taking I was told my Reserve Winner's Dog (and Best Puppy) has both his majors and he is only 7 months old.

Heads overall were very nice exhibiting a near equilateral triangle with skull slightly rounded, round eyes with surrounding haloes with proper black eye rims. The one fault which I saw in many exhibits in 1995 was ear sets. I found many short ears too highly set. This year I found just a few ears set too high. Proper ear set is so important as the ears should frame the face.

I found bodies and toplines much improved when comparing these two entries. Coats are much better now; in 95 I saw some 'open coats' but this was not the case this year. Some fronts need improving. Lack of forechest is still a problem. Rears overall are much improved.

Another fault I found so prevalent in '95 was short tails. I stated in my critique I was really worried about the length, set and shape of tail. The tail of the Bichon is part of the outline. A poorly set, short tail destroys the outline. The present day Bichon has a more correct length and set of tail. I am so happy to see this improvement.

Temperaments, even in the youngsters, were very good. Several of the exhibits, that were a bit fidgety on the table, just need ring experience. Many of the puppies were in the ring for either the first or second time. I hope I provided a good experience for them. As everyone knows I love puppies.

The Specials Class was awesome! I needed many more Awards of Merit. I could have used at least eight AOM rather than the four allowed.

It was a pleasure to judge so many nice examples of the Bichon. Breeders you are to be congratulated for the great improvement in your breeding programs in the last 17 years. I was pleased to learn that my Best of Breed dog is the Grandson of my Best of Breed and Best of Opposite from 1995. What a thrill to know these wonderful bloodlines are still producing such lovely examples. Please know I had a wonderful time judging your National Specialty!!

Loraine Boutwell

Officer's Reports

President's Report—Kieth Hanson

The Chicago National is now history and a special thanks to Donna Jones and all her committees for a great job! The Hotel seemed to receive very high marks from the majority of the attendees. The rooms and dining facilities were excellent and the staff was friendly and responsive.

The only major glitches were the misfortunes that our Show Superintendent, Onofrio, experienced (truck breakdown and then a subsequent break-in) which left us short on Catalogs and Arm Bands. In this regard, a special thanks to the BFCA setup crew for improvising on the grooming area setup.

Congratulations to all our winners and most importantly to all those who entered and exhibited at the show. I thought the entire entry looked great and made for a very competitive show. Lastly, a huge thanks to our judges Lorraine Boutwell and George Sikes for the excellent job they did with their judging assignments.

With Chicago now in the books, Lillian Endo (Show Chair) and her committees are already working on the 2013 Specialty in Indianapolis. Lillian will be keeping us posted on the details in the coming months. Our judges will be Luc Boulieu (conformation) and Dale Hunter (Sweepstakes and Bred by Exhibitor Special Attractions).

The Committee (Karen Chesbro, Gail Antetomaso and Judy McNamara) assigned to look at our membership requirements is working on their proposals for review by the entire Board. We hope to finalize any changes in the next couple of months. Since our discussion at the Annual Membership meeting, the Board has received a number of additional responses regarding this subject. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank those who took the time to provide their opinions and suggestions. We will keep everyone updated on our progress in this very important area.

The Board has bestowed Honorary Life Membership status to Anne Jones. Anne has served BFCA in many capacities. Perhaps her most significant contribution is her dedication to the health and welfare of the Bichon Frise. Her commitment to educating pet owners and breeders on the health issues of our breed will be a lasting legacy. Our congratulations to Anne.

In spite of all the weather issues, which seem to be common place across the country, I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer.

Officer's Reports**Secretary Report—Diana McFarlane****Ballot Proposals**

Board Member	Ballot 04-12A	Ballot 06-12A
Antetomaso, Gail	Approve	Approve
Chesbro, Karen	Approve	Approve
DesCamps, Lisa	Approve	Approve
Dillon, Katherine	Approve	Approve
Endo, Lillian	Approve	Approve
Hanson, Kieth	Approve	Approve
McFarlane, Diana	Approve	Approve
McNamara, Judy	Approve	Approve
Noonan, Nancy	Approve	Approve
Scarborough, Shauna	Approve	Approve
Sikes, Avanel	Approve	Approve

Ballot 04-12A

The Constitution and ByLaws shall be printed in the quantity of 500 and a cost of \$499.00.

Ballot 06-12A

The BFCA shall purchase four (4) years of trophies from DannyQuest Designs for a total of \$3,089.00.

Officer's Reports**Treasurer's Report—Judy McNamara****BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA****Treasurers Report****Financial Statement Beginning April 30, 2012 and Ending June 30, 2012**

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 30, 2012		\$28,224.56
INCOME:		
2012 National Specialty	\$24,177.00	
Health	530.00	
Dues	5,446.66	
Sales	42.00	
Membership Applications	<u>125.00</u>	
Total Income		\$30,320.66
EXPENSES:		
2012 National Specialty	\$28,237.34	
PayPal	54.21	
Sales	152.25	
Treasurers Expense	40.97	
Dues-ADOA	35.00	
Printing-Constitutions	530.19	
Health	<u>27.32</u>	
Total Expense		<u>\$29,077.28</u>
NET INCOME		<u>1,243.38</u>
<u>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2012</u>		\$29,467.94
PAY PAL ACCOUNT		500.00
BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT APRIL 30, 2012	\$35,104.91	
Interest	<u>2.86</u>	
BUSINESS SAVINGS ACCOUNT JUNE 30, 2012		<u>35,107.77</u>
TOTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2012		<u>\$65,075.71</u>

JUDY MCNAMARA, TREASURER
JUNE 30, 2012

Committee Reports

Delegate Report George Sikes

I did not attend the June, 2012 Delegates meeting, but the amendment to Chapter 11, Section 1, which would create a new three point major for the dog/bitch designated Reserve Winners Dog/Bitch at the National Specialty each year, specified by the AKC Parent Club, provided there are twice the number required for a five point major in Winners Dog/Bitch, was read and will be voted on at the September Delegates meeting. If this amendment passes, I believe this could possibly increase our entries at the National Specialty.

I hope everyone has joined the fight with AKC against the proposed rule changes to the Animal Welfare Act. The petition has been available on the AKC website, Facebook, most all breed clubs' website and many others. If these changes are implemented it will affect small breeders. I will be attending the September 2012 Delegates meetings.

BFCA 2012 Raffle/Silent Auction Kat Dillon

JOB JITTERS??? HECK YES! Will there be any donations? Will there be items to put in the Silent Auction? Will people bid? Who will sort items? Who will set up the raffle? These are things that woke me up in the middle of the night! NOT TO WORRY! BFCA members stepped up to the plate and hit a HOMERUN! Rick Day and Mary Spruiell started it all off by selling Raffle Tickets. The very talented artist Jewel Elias with the help of Stephanie Uva did an outstanding job getting it all put together with time to change clothes and potty their dogs!!

Thanks also goes to Gail Antetomaso for helping hand out the raffle items after all her board and rescue jobs. She wears many hats. And then there is Rick Day. What can I say about Rick? He shows up all decked out in his baseball outfit, ready to sell more tickets and get everyone in the MOOD to laugh and enjoy the evening! ANOTHER HOMERUN AND MOST VALUABLE PLAYER! I am pleased with the results of the Silent Auction. There are a couple of bugs to work out, but the bottom line is we had everyone out the door by 8:20!! YEAH! Look out for Rick and his Indy Costume in 2013. Wonder if he will have a whip????

THANKS A MILLION TO ALL, it truly was a FUN NIGHT.

Committee Reports

Sales Report Kathy Loynachan

Many thanks to all of you who supported the BFCA sales booth in Chicago. You were great, as usual. If any of you are interested, we do have some t-shirts left from the specialty and also some totes. Let me know if you are interested in either of these items. Please call or e-mail regarding sizes and colors of the t-shirts. They will be on our web page, so you can go there to make the order.

We are still looking for items we can sell that would appeal to all Bichon fanciers, especially our pet people. We must remember they have money to spend and love to buy unique "Bichon" items. They don't always have access to vendors at shows so our sales page can be a real benefit to them, and us. If you have any ideas for sales items, please let me know.

Bulletin Report Shauna Scarborough

I am in need of covers for the bulletins. If you can do some sketches for me, I would truly appreciate it.

Committee Reports**Membership—Karen Chesbro****New Membership Applications (Sponsors) Summer 2012**

**Paula Agrusa
197 Far Reach Road
Westwood, MA 02090
(Paula Hendricks & Cecelia Ruggles)**

**Sheri Kennedy
Absolute Bichons
7527 171st Ave SE
Snohomish, WA 98290
(Sue Swindle & Sherry Watts)**

**Mary Ann Clark
Elan
9070 Tonya Terrace
Manhattan, KS 66502
(Laura Huddleston & Laura Purnell)**

**Deborah & Steve Lamb
Lambichons
10 Albright Drive
Hanover, PA 17331
(Lynn Ramich & Polly Street)**

**Regina Herman
Tenerife Bichons
17 Hermann Lane
Easton, CT 06612
(Margaret Hyde Sherwood & Kathie Vogel)**

**Jan & Alan Shetzer
14203 Caminito Vistana
San Diego, CA 92130
(Betty Ribble & Myra Wotton)**

Foreign Membership Application (Sponsors)

**KyoungSoo Shin & DongLim Lee
Dognews
Republic of Korea
(Rick Day & Harriet Prichard)**

All BFCFA members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Diana McFarlane 3606 Haverhill St. Carlsbad, CA 92008-2174 forddiana@roadrunner.com by AUGUST 14, 2012.

Committee Reports

Directory Corrections, Diana McFarlane

Please update the following address in the directory:

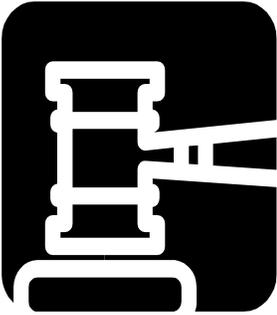
Karen Snyder
14880 Reflection Key Circle, Unit #2021
For Myers, FL 33907

Barbara Chappell
Email: taywyn@roadrunner.com

Please update the email address on the Committee page of the Directory for Rescue to:
bfcarsq@comcast.net.

If you have moved, changed your phone, or changed/added an email address and DID NOT provide the information with your dues payments or email; please let me know right away. It is critical that the information on hand with the BFCFA is current at all times or important notices and mailings do not reach you. Also, you may want other members to have access to your most current information. You may email, write or call me. Thank you for your cooperation.

AKC Initiatives



Laws that Affect the Sport of Purebred Dogs

There are two AKC initiatives that need your immediate consideration.

First, is the legislation proposed to regulate “Retail Pet Stores and Licensing Exemptions.” To learn more about the proposed legislation and how to sign the petition, go to <http://www.akc.org/petition> . The deadline for signing the petition has been extended to August 13th. This is a serious issue that needs your support.

Second, the AKC Political Action Committee (PAC) is asking for your financial support. Additional information can be found at <http://www.akc.org/pac/> . Participation is up to each individual to determine.

Bichon Frise Club of Western Pennsylvania

The BFCWPA activities for this quarter included a regular meeting on May 6th, 2012 and a Specialty Show in New Castle, Pa. Discussions included the Specialty and finalizing plans for the trophies, luncheon and raffle. Also discussed were plans to form a committee to look at future Specialty sites.

Also finalized were plans for the annual Bichon Family Picnic to be held at Boyce Park on July 8th. Besides food contributions there will be a B-Match, games, a raffle and the annual meeting will be held.

There are continuing discussions regarding "Responsible Dog Ownership Day/ Meet the Breeds" event to be held in the fall and the annual holiday party in December.

On May 27th, 2012 the club held its third Specialty in New Castle, PA. The judge was Mrs. Deedy Pierce Sorenson. Entries exceeded the previous year. Trophies were awarded, gift bags were given to each exhibitor and their dog, a luncheon and raffle were also held.



Greetings from Chicagoland! We hope you had an enjoyable visit to the area for the national specialty in May. Good thing you were here then, and not in early July, when we had several days of temperatures in the 100s, as much of the country did.

Our club had a specialty on Saturday, February 25th, in conjunction with the International Kennel Club cluster of shows. Winners Dog and Best of Winners was Cher Ami's Toast with Remy Martin, owned by Dr. Robert & Deena Mathog & Ryan Wolfe. His littermate, Cher Ami's Toast with Moet Chandon, also owned by Dr. Robert & Deena Mathog & Ryan Wolfe, was Winners Bitch. This puppy bitch was Best of Opposite, Best Puppy and took 3rd in the puppy group. Best of Breed was GCH Vogelflight's 'Honor' to Pillowtalk. He went on to take 2nd in the group on Saturday.

CBFC supported the entry on Sunday, February 26th as well. Best of Breed was the same dog; he placed 4th in the group. This dog also was Best of Breed at the Thursday and Friday shows, winning the group both days, and a taking Best in Show on Friday. Quite a weekend!

Like many clubs, our club is facing some challenges in terms of membership. Our roster used to include people from Michigan and Minnesota, in addition to residents of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. Many of the people who didn't live in the immediate area also didn't attend our meetings, which affected the club's ability to draw a quorum at meetings. The Board asked members who weren't able to attend meetings regularly to consider renewing their membership as associate (non-voting) members and several did that. In 2011, the club had 18 regular remembers; now we have less than 10. The good news is that it's easier to have a quorum now; the bad news is that there are very few hands to do any work for the club. It is hoped that BFCA's local club group can give us some fresh ideas to keep the club moving.

With our club being so small now, and with so few of our members showing in conformation, we decided to not have an independent specialty in the fall, as we did last year. Our next specialty will be in February 2013, at the International Kennel Club cluster again.

Here's hoping that your power stays on all summer, so you can keep the A/C running!

Nancy Muklewicz
President



Bichon Frise Club of America National Specialty 2013

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