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**2015 National Specialty
May 5-8, 2015**



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**Minutes of the 51st Annual Meeting of
The Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.**
MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Topeka, KS

Roll Call

Abbott, Matt	Hendricks, Paula	Ribble, Betty
Adams, Cynthia	Hart, Stephanie	Scarborough, Alton
Allen, Roslyn	Jones, Donna	Scarborough, Shauna
Anderson, Ben	Kapella, Sheryl L.	Shetzer, Alan
Andrew, Kathy	Kennedy, Sheri	Shetzer, Jan
Antetomaso, Gail	Letsche DVM, Larry	Sikes, George
Ayres, Diane	Loynachan, Kathleen	Sikes, Avanel
Blanding, Mayno	Lucas, Brian	Spruiell, Mary
Beckman, Erayna	Mathog, Deena	Swindle, Sue
Carlton, Lorrie	McDonald, Nancy	Thompson, Carole
Clark, Mary Ann	McFarlane, Charles	Van Keuren, Lindsay
Day, Rick	McFarlane, Diana	Winkler, Mimi
Endo, Lillian	McNamara, Judy	Wise, John
Feldman, Sheila	Noonan, Nancy	Wise, Leanne
Fry, Lee	Newton, Shyla	Wotton, Myra
Halstead, Vickie	Paolillo, Gerry	
Hamilton, Richard	Paulson, Karen	
Hamilton, Shirley	Pellegrini, Nina	
Hanson, Kieth	Pritchard, Harriet	
Hanson, Sandra	Purnell, Laura	
	Ramich, Lynn	
		Total members present: 56 (Note: only those who checked in at the annual meeting are in- cluded.)

The meeting was called to order by Judy McNamara, President, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, in Topeka, Kansas at 1:00PM. Roll was taken with 56 members present and a quorum was declared by the Recording Secretary.

A motion to approve the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes as published in the Summer Bulletin was made by Nancy Noonan, seconded by Lorrie Carlton, and passed.

President Opening Remarks

Judy McNamara welcomed all to the show and thanked our Show Chairman, Lillian Endo. The show committee was asked to stand and be recognized.

Special recognition went to Shirley Hamilton for her initiative and work in starting our Annual BFCA Agility Trials which made a profit for the club.

A second special thank you went to Sheila Feldman for her great work with the Public Education Booth at Eukanuba.

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REPORT FROM THE BOARD—JUDY MCNAMARA

The board had lengthy discussion about future specialties and more will follow in the 2016 Specialty Report by Myra Wotton.

The board also had in-depth discussion about changes to the website and will give you the details as they emerge. The current website cannot be supported beyond the end of this year. The cost to replace it under the current situation would be more than we can afford.

In the future, new members will be required to provide an email address for club communications.

The board approved the purchase of Flipbook Builder for the Pictorial, the pre-show flyer and the membership directory and can be expanded to other uses as needed especially for the use of local clubs to promote their events.

The premium list and the pre-show flyer will be on the website and notice will be sent by Constant Contact which is a savings to the club of \$1000.00 per year.

The BFCA Rescue Trust will receive a \$1000 donation to seed the new Bichon Emporium which you will hear about in the Charitable Trust report.

The Treasurer's Books will be audited before the end of the Specialty. George Sikes has done them for the last few Specialties and we wish he was here to do this year's also.

Treasurer—Lillian Endo

The ending balance as of 4/15/15 is \$41,108.67. The full-year financial report will be included in the Summer Bulletin and will represent 5/1/14 through 4/30/15.

Judges—Betty Ribble

The membership has accepted the concept of online balloting. We have an average of 35% voting for judges. A problem with the second round, weighted ballot is still occurring. A statement will be added to the ballot for the second round that a vote can be cast for a person only once. The problem was explained that the vote for the same person in the second round in all three preference (first, second and third choice) are non-compliant and the vote will be rejected.

BFCA/Rescue Trust Report—Gail Antetomaso, Zandra Kern and Matt Abbott

Gail introduced Zandra Kern who is the new co-chairman for the committee with Matt taking care of the finances. A total of 76 Bichons were rescued in 2014 and all have been placed. To date this year we have rescued 18 Bichons. Zandra reported on the activities of the committee for the last year which included:

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- A new website
- Facebook page with 4,200 followers. It is used primarily for placement and raising funds.
- Newsletter reaching 7000 likes. The newsletter talks of activities and rescues with a plan to start including health and educational articles. If you want to receive the newsletter, send your email address to the Charitable Trust.
- A rescue brochure which is available to local clubs upon request.
- Business cards for all fosters and workers on the expanded committee.
- Many funding raising activities have been held this year including a Black Friday event, Wolf Tracks App which gives Rescue funds when a person downloads the app and logs in their walks with their dog; Bichon Bash which is usually attended by 250 dogs and their owners and raises \$10K per year.
- A new Bichon Emporium will feature local artists for items sold at events and on the website.

A round of applause was given from the audience for their work and enthusiasm.

The end of 2014 year balance is \$39,361.68. As of 3/31/15 the balance was \$39,233.55. The funds in the account are very fluid with income and expense nearly balancing for any given period.

Health Committee—Nancy McDonald

The following is the report given by Nancy at the annual meeting.

In May 1964, BFCA Health Committee Chairman was contacted by Dr. Kirk Gelatte who had begun research into congenital cataracts in the Bichon Frise. That, ladies and gentlemen, was over 50 years ago. BFCA conducted a health survey in 1993. A BFCA representative attended the first Parent Club Health Conference. Your parent club has been on the forefront of facing health issues for a long time. And it seems you, the breeders, are honing in on high standards for your breeding requirements. One of your standards for receiving your CHIC number is having your OFFA on hips. You now have another option on hips. To receive a CHIC number, you may have a PennHip instead of the OFFA. In order to receive your 5-star award, the hips must be a distraction index of .5 or better. We are in the process of getting information on the PennHip exam on the health web site. Thank you for continuing to demand the best.

The Health Committee looks carefully at research grants from Canine Health Foundation as well as Morris Animal Foundation. Yes, after the calendar sales, there was money to invest. But only research that may directly benefit the Bichon is considered; such as skin, cataracts, bladder stones, heart disease, diabetes. Specific studies for a specific breed is not considered. This year we supported two research grants.

1. Understanding How Mammary Cancer Develops. Morris Animal Foundation

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2. Evaluating the Contribution of Fungal Infection to the Pathogenesis of Atopic Dermatitis: Putting Evidence Under the Use of Antifungal Medication. Canine Health Foundation.

(I think there is a contest among researchers on who can provide the longest name for their research study)

The on going study from 2013, Understanding the Genetic Basis for Urinary Stones is still on going. Those of you who provided your Bichons with stones for this study certainly have helped with this research. The study has zeroed in on Miniature Schnauzers and Bichons. More testing needs to be done but based on initial testing, there is a genetic pattern in the chromosome 15 region in 80% to 90% of the Bichons with stones. The entire content of Dr. Furrow's latest update will be in the Health Times. Dr. Furrow is using her discretionary research funds to keep the research going for now, but is also applying for another Morris Animal Foundation grant to help complete the study.

A side note here, to be an official sponsor for a research study at Morris Animal Foundation has changed from a donation of \$3000 to a donation of \$10,000. Undoubtedly, they will accept any amount of money we wish to give, but for us to be an official sponsor in the future may be gone.

Morbidity/Mortality

Again, this year, we ask that you fill out the morbidity/mortality report that you find on your chairs. The information from last year was cataloged and so will this year's. We are looking for a trend causing illness and/or death in our Bichons.

Spaying and neutering is a hot topic right now and hot opinions are coming from three fronts, those of breeders, a pet owners and rescue workers. I have the privilege of attending the CHF Parent Club Health Conference this August and this topic is one I hope to explore more thoroughly. It was interesting that all the morbidity/mortality reports from last year were concerning Bichons neutered/spayed after 4 years of age.

Please fill out the morbidity/mortality forms when you can and either leave them on your chair, or get them to us when you can this week.

The Canine Health Foundation has changed how it handles the Donor Advised Funds. The DAF program was created for a place to hold the Purina Parent Club Program funds until the breed parent club designated to which research program the funds should go. As some parent clubs are not active and/or do not communicate with CHF, over three million dollars were sitting in those funds. That has been changed now, CHF channels the funds of those non-participating clubs. As BFCA has actively remained in contact with CHF, our funds go toward areas of our health concern. As stated before, BFCA does not recommend any product. But if you do feed Purina, thank you for signing up for the PPCP.

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A new member has been added to the health committee, Mayno Blanding. Mayno has medical education in her background; she is devoted to her dogs and breeding program; and she is always sending us good articles on canine health so putting her on the committee puts all that interest to good use.

Thursday and Friday at the Health Table, we have swabs for your DNA catch. Also there will be a silent auction for some Roland Lloyd's sculptures and some Bichon figurines that need new homes. Come by and see us.

2015 Specialty—Lillian Endo

Lillian reported that working with the hotel has been great and they have been responsive to any changes that Lillian has requested. There will be a cash concession on Thursday and Friday between 11:00 and 2:00 for lunch. Nancy Noonan will be selling catalog and taking DVD orders before show starts. Please get there early as the sales will halt during breed judging.

Lillian thanked Shyla Newton for the donation of a bottle of red and a bottle of white wine on every table.

Auction—Matt Abbott

Matt is filling in for Paula who is on her way. Some of the silent auction items were displayed including a Diane Ayres painting, a colored pencil drawing of a bunny and a Bichon done by Lorrie Carlton's mother, and a pave Bichon ring. There will be a special category in the raffle for some very special items and will require a blue ticket sold for \$20.00/5 tickets. A live auction will be held to shave the beard of Jonathan "The Scissor Man" in any design, any color and any way desired. This live auction will include some great items donated by Jonathan.

Future Specialties—Myra Wotton

The 2016 National Specialty will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the Hilton Airport hotel. The hotel is across from the airport and adjacent to the Minnesota Wildlife Center. The hotel offers a free shuttle to the Mall of America and a light rail service will take you downtown.

The BFCA agility trial will be held on April 29, 30 and May 1 prior to the specialty (May 6&7). She urged having agility members or any members to come early and join the fun.

The specialty judges are Frank Sabella for Conformation and Gail Antetomaso for Sweepstakes. Myra urged that you book early in case the bloc is sold out. A better negotiation position for adding to the bloc may be possible.

Myra is looking at some fun ideas for changing up the specialty including a picture with our Sid Fletcher, a professional Santa, and your dog.

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Myra then moved to the 2017 specialty which will be held at our second choice hotel in Atlanta. We were in the third round of draft contract with the first choice, Denver, when the hotel added some unworkable requirements such as: No dogs on beds, no bathing in the room, no use of hotel towels for dogs, a high fee for each dog in the room. Negotiations were unsuccessful in removing these requirements. We will be at the Sheraton Airport in Atlanta in 2017. The event will be held the Thursday and Friday before the Mother's Day weekend. Judges will be Mimi Winkler for Conformation and Kathy Vogel for Sweepstakes. Tentatively Sherren Watts (subject to her acceptance) will judge Special Attraction Bred-By.

By using Helms-Briscoe (free service to BFCA) we have been able to save 25% in Minneapolis and 40% in Atlanta. We are having a more difficult search for hotels now that business has upturned and having a good search team with great negotiation skills has been very helpful.

Agility—Shirley Hamilton

The Agility Trial report will be included in the Summer Bulletin. Shirley gave an overview of the trials held in April 2015. We had the max 330 runs per judge per day which maximized our revenue. She thanked the eleven members who worked the event during the hours of 6:30 AM to the last run. They are Sid and Mollie Fletcher, Keith and Sandy Hanson, Rick and Debra Macias, Vickie Halstead, Myra Wotton, Robbie Bleeker and Dick Hamilton.

Another thank you to the BFCA members who donated cash or gift cards to the workers raffle. All of the workers (it takes about 35) who work the trials are volunteers and the food and raffle are the key items to getting their participation. The first 35 are guaranteed entry. The workers are given breakfast and lunch and receive a ticket for every job done during the trial. Those tickets go into the raffle for prizes.

The Bichon High in Trial went to Rick Macias in a hotly contested match. Rick had an easier time of it the year before. The Brocketts donated 2x2 training jumps in memory of Lois Morrow.

Shirley closed with a special invitation to attend the 2016 Agility trial the weekend before the Specialty.

New Members—Judy McNamara

Judy McNamara asked that the new members and their sponsors stand. A welcome was given to:

Carole Thompson (Nita Gryan and Mimi Winkler)
Stephanie Toom (Kathy Andrew and Dale Hunter)
Elaine Forstall (Nita Gryan and Janet Weiderhold)
Becky Buckman and Bill Torngren (Gail Sarnar and Joann Rubin)
Lindsey Dicken (Sheila Feldman and Avanell Sikes)
Roslyn Allen (Erayna Beckman and Kat Dillon)
Wilson Ramirez (Deb Gibb and Linda Rowe)
Betty Conrad (Mayno Blanding and Gayle Sarnar)
Jolee Hanson (Robertta Bleeker and Vickie Halstead)
Neena Pelligrini (Barbara Barton and Ann Freeman)

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A warm thank you was also given to our retiring board members: Karen Chesbro, Katherine Dillon and Keith Hanson for their work on the Board.

Old Business—Judy McNamara

Our unopposed slate of officers for the coming term as published in the Bulletin are:

President	Judy McNamara—Oklahoma
Vice President	Gail Antetomaso—New York
Corresponding Secretary	Nancy Noonan—Connecticut
Recording Secretary	Diana McFarlane—California
Treasurer	Lillian Endo—California
Directors	Matt Abbott—Pennsylvania, Kathy Andrew—California, Lynn Ramich—Pennsylvania, Shauna Scarborough—Texas, John Wise—Texas, Myra Wotton—Minnesota

There being no opposing slate, the Recording Secretary cast one vote for the proposed slate. The new members of the board were introduced and welcomed.

Odds and Ends—Judy McNamara

- The 2016 Specialty does not have a Special Attraction Bred-By Judge. With general approval from the floor, we will send out a special weighted ballot for this assignment in June. A suggestion to add a slot on the Judges Ballot for future Special Event Bred-by judging assignment was also met with agreement by the membership.
- Members were advised to make sure the Recording Secretary has their current mail address. If your dues are returned and we have no way to reach you, and you haven't paid, you will lose your membership.
- Annual parchments will be available at the catalog table Saturday and Sunday. Please pick them up and save the club the postage.
- Cocktail hour is 5:00 with dinner at 6:00.
- The Local Club meeting will be in the Crystal Board Room following this meeting.

New Business

There being no new business the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

2014/15 Annual Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report—Lillian Endo

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BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA**Treasurer's Report****Financial Statement Beginning May 1, 2014 and Ending April 30, 2015**

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE May 1, 2014			\$35,499.33
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INCOME:

National Specialty			
2014	\$ 8,099.00		
2015	<u>13,606.69</u>	\$21,705.69	
Dues		9,501.63	
Sales		501.50	
Breeder's Directory		2,680.00	
Application Fees		175.00	
Amazon Sales		683.08	
Donation		75.00	
2014 Agility Trials			
Entry Fees	18,383.00		
Raffle	<u>165.00</u>	18,548.00	
Health			
Sales	130.00		
Donation	1,255.00		
Purina	<u>256.54</u>	1,641.54	
Total Income			55,511.44

EXPENSES:

National Specialty			
2014	\$12,863.93		
2015	<u>4,142.56</u>	17,005.96	
Sales		304.00	
PayPal		144.85	
Directors/Officers Insurance		1,006.00	
Judges Education		1,739.09	
Tax Return Preparation		500.00	
FTB Tax Return		10.00	
Breeder Referral Telephone		106.92	
Recording Secretary Expenses		449.05	
Treasurer's Expense		48.75	
AKC Flyer Printing Fees		60.24	
Eukanuba		819.92	
AKC for Eukanuba		215.00	
AKC Dues		25.00	
Treasurer's Bond		188.00	
Web Hosting		207.77	
Returned Check Fee		25.33	
Liability Insurance		600.00	
Donation-BFCA Charitable Trust		75.00	
Domain Renewal		28.34	
2014 Agility Trials			
Facility Balance	2,353.50		
Refunds	1,286.00		

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Trophy	112.00	
Ribbons	23.35	
Mac/Pact Bars	225.00	
AKC Run Fees	3,189.00	
Judges Fee/Exp	2,425.29	
Judge/Sec Gifts	86.94	
Gift-Leashes	283.50	
Trial Secretary	3,063.83	
Food	1,110.30	
Raffle	282.10	14,440.81

2015 Agility Trials

2015 Fac Deposit	300.00	
AKC Fees	300.00	
Facility Balance	2,655.00	
Ribbons	453.28	
Shipping	15.96	
Set up Funds	12,000.00	15,724.24

Health

PayPal	13.07	
Morris Animal	3,000.00	
Domain Renewal	20.96	3,034.03

Total Expense		56,758.30
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NET LOSS		(1,246.86)
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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE April 30, 2015		\$34,252.47
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PAYPAL BALANCE		500.00
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BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE April 30, 2014	\$55,142.65	
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Interest Income	<u>21.90</u>	
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BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE April 30, 2015		55,164.55
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TOTAL FUNDS APRIL 30, 2015		\$ 89,917.02
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LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER APRIL 30, 2015

Committee Reports

Membership Report—Karen Chesbro

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

May 1, 2014 – May 1, 2015

All inquiries resulted in applications received and were ultimately approved for membership. The actual numbers are as follows:

	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>
New Members Welcomed	10	11
Applications being processed	1	1

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Chesbro
Membership Administrator

OBEDIENCE CRITIQUE—RICK GARVIN

I enjoyed my obedience assignment at the 2015 Bichon Frise Club of America's National Specialty held in Topeka, Kansas. The hotel, grounds, and ring area were fantastic. The atmosphere was most enjoyable. I am sorry to say that my entry was rather small but those teams that chose to enter are a credit to the Bichon Frise fancy. The dogs were well groomed and every team seemed to have fun when exhibiting. I was most impressed with the spectators as everyone clapped and cheered as the dogs competed. This speaks highly for all the exhibitors, both breed and obedience, at this year's National. It would seem that the Bichon Frise fancy is a special group of people and I thank each of you for showing good sportsmanship.

Thank you very much for the assignment and I wish everyone qualifying scores at your 2016 National.

Rick Garvin

4-6 MONTH PUPPY CRITIQUE—FATIMA CRUMP

First of all, I would like to congratulate the members of the Bichon Club of America for putting on a wonderful National Specialty. I am honored to have been invited to judge the 4-6 month old puppy class. I was welcomed with genuine friendliness. The ring-side mentorship and judges education seminar were excellent, and appreciated.

Now, on to the 4-6 months old puppy class. This was the first time that it was offered at the National Specialty and I wasn't sure what to expect. I had a lovely little puppy dog enter the ring with his young handler. My first view of him was on the ground. Although this puppy was a bit unsure of what to do, he moved well on lead and stood fairly still on the table for examination. This young puppy had a very nice topline with a good tailset and carriage. As he stood for examination, I was pleased to see that he had beautiful dark pigment with a pretty big round dark eye with a cute button nose that also displayed a nice equilateral triangle in the headpiece. When checking the pads of his feet, I was pleased to see that they were very dark and the pads were very visible when moving away from me. He was a cute little package of white fluff.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity.

Fatima Crump

JUDGE'S CRITIQUE—EDD BIVIN

The National Specialty was great fun for me in that I had a good opportunity to see the changes that have been made in the breed since I first judged the event many years ago. As usual for this event, the venue was excellent and the conduct of the event was great. The committee must be commended.

While I feel strongly that critiques are demonstrated in the ring and opinions are given about breeding stock there, I understand that some still wish a critique.

The entry, while not large, was of quality. Improvements have been made in heads, coats, temperaments and soundness. I thought overall that dogs were stronger than bitches. Unlike in the past, the open classes were smaller than one would expect. The bred-by-exhibitor classes were not large. One must wonder why these declines in that national specialties are considered by many to be breeder's forum classes.

The Winners Dog and eventually Best of Winners went to #49 from the Bred-By-Dog Classes. He was a wonderful make and shape, sound in movement, lovely headed and good coated. His temperament was exuberant and suitable for the breed. He was followed by Reserve Winners Dog, #7 from the 6-9 Months Puppy Dog Class. This was a wonderful youngster that should have great fun beyond this event. The Reserve Puppy Dog was to be Best Puppy in Show. #49 was Best Bred-By-Exhibitor in Show.

In bitches, #78 from the Open Class was Winners Bitch. She was a lovely bitch, much like the male in female form—sound and of good type. She should be a good producer and show example. The Reserve Winners Bitch was #68, Second Place winner from the Open class. Much like the Winners Bitch, but probably not as up on the day.

The Best of Breed winner was #103. A lovely male of good type and proportion. He had a wonderful face, eye and expression. Sound in movement and good coat. He was deserving of the win. Best of Opposite Sex was #124. She was a lovely bitch with all the qualities of the male so sought after in the breed. She was not as "on" for the day. I later learned that she was not as experienced. Both of these ultimate winners plus Selects and Awards of Merit were well deserved.

Thanks for allowing me to judge the specialty. I enjoyed the day.

Edd Bivin

Officer's Reports

President's Report—Judy McNamara

Happy summer to you all. I hope you are all well and withstanding the heat.

If you didn't make it to Topeka in May you missed a great time! I would like to thank Lillian Endo our show chair for the great planning and all of her committee for all of their hard work. It was a great week and I hope everyone had a good time. The board always works very hard during the year helping with plans for the show and I thank you all for your efforts.

As you know the board said good bye to three members, Katherine Dillon, Karen Chesbro and Kieth Hanson. We will miss you and thank you for all of your past contributions to BFCA. New board members we welcomed aboard are John Wise, Matt Abbott and Lynn Ramich. The new board is already at work on projects for coming year.

As was announced at the annual meeting, the board approved a contract to update the web site. It is underway and we will keep you posted as it is a work in progress. It promises to be much more user friendly and should be easier to find club information. We will continue with our Constant Contact to keep you informed about timely issues. You seem to like voting via CC and we will continue with that. Paper ballots will continue to be available also.

Myra Wotton and her committee are already working on Minneapolis for 2016 and I hope you will plan on being there next year. Judges will be Frank Sabella for conformation, Gail Antetomaso for sweepstakes, Kathie Vogel for Bred by Exhibitor Special Attraction and Louise Botko is doing obedience and rally. Keep in mind the Agility Trial is the week end before the National and would be well worth your time. Dates for the Specialty are May 7-8 2016.

Don't forget dues are due now.

Officer's Reports

Secretary's Report—Diana McFarlane

Kansas was wet and beautiful and we all had a great time at the National. Lillian Endo and Judy McNamara did a great job. The hotel was very accommodating and we had some very nice dogs in both conformation and obedience/rally.

The Annual Membership dues have been sent. Please send your check today. If you have not received a dues notice, contact me at dwmcfarlane@roadrunner.com or call me at 760-434-5730. If you use PayPal and have an address change, I would appreciate an email with the details.

Our new slate of officers was elected and they are:

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Ballot Proposals 2015 Summer Bulletin

Board Member	Ballot 04-15A	Board Member	Ballot 06-15A
Antetomaso, Gail	Approved	Abbot, Matt	Approved
Chesbro, Karen	Approved	Andrew, Kathy	Approved
Kathy Andrew	Approved	Antetomaso, Gail	Approved
Dillon, Katherine	Approved	Endo, Lillian	N/A
Endo, Lillian	Approved	McFarlane, Diana	Approved
Hanson, Keith	Approved	McNamara, Judy	Approved
McFarlane, Diana	Approved	Noonan, Nancy	Approved
McNamara, Judy	Approved	Ramich, Lynn	Approved
Noonan, Nancy	Approved	Scarborough, Shauna	Approved
Scarborough, Shauna	Approved	Wise, John	Approved
Myra Wotton	Approved	Myra Wotton	Approved

Ballot 04-15A The BFCFA will make a \$12,000 bridge loan to the Agility Committee to be offset by expenses of the Annual Agility Trial(s).

Ballot 06-15A The BFCFA will make a \$500.00 donation to the Southern Handler Charity Association.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer's Report—Lillian Endo

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA
Treasurer's Report
Financial Statement Beginning April 30, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2015

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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE APRIL 30, 2015	\$34,252.47
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INCOME:

2015 National Specialty	\$15,871.27	
Sales	36.50	
Amazon Sales	151.78	
Dues	1,700.00	
Pro-rated dues	26.66	
App Fees	75.00	
Health		
Donation	100.00	
Sales	<u>495.00</u>	595.00
Agility		
Entry Fees	18,273.74	
Raffle Donation	<u>190.00</u>	18,463.74

TOTAL INCOME**\$36,919.95****EXPENSE:**

2015 National Specialty	17,016.70	
Bulletin Expenses	395.25	
Recording Secretary Expense	897.15	
Corresponding Secretary Expense	59.28	
Judges Education	931.86	
BFCA Charitable Trust-Donation	1,000.00	
Cash Deposit	3.33	
Service Fee for Cash Deposit	20.00	
Secretary of State	20.00	
Website	3,600.00	
AKC Delegate	767.30	
2014 Tax Return Prep	500.00	
Donation-So. Handlers Charity	500.00	
Paypal	62.72	
Agility		
2016 Facility Deposit	<u>300.00</u>	300.00
Health		
Mugs	123.40	
CHF Conference Exp	645.01	
Donation-CHF	<u>3,359.64</u>	
Paypal	3.20	4,131.25

Total Expense**30,204.84**

Officer's Reports

Treasurer's Report Con't

NET GAIN/LOSS		<u>6,715.11</u>
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 2015		\$40,967.58
PAYPAL BALANCE		500.00
BUSINESS SAVING BALANCE APRIL 30, 2015	55,164.55	
Interest Income	<u>3.66</u>	
BUSINESS SAVINGS BALANCE JUNE 30, 2015		55,168.21
TOTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2015		<u>\$96,635.79</u>

LILLIAN ENDO, TREASURER JUNE 30, 2015

Committee Reports

Bulletin Shauna Scarborough

The bulletin is short several important reports this time. I have asked several times for these reports. If you are responsible for a report, please pay attention to the deadlines for the bulletins. The deadline for the Fall Bulletin will be October 10. I look forward to receiving your reports in a timely fashion.

Friendship Committee Laura Purnell

The following is a report of sympathy cards sent since the last bulletin. A card was sent to Laurie Huddleston upon the death of her father. A card was also sent to Katherine Dillon upon the death of her Mother. A card was sent to Wendy Kellerman upon the death of her mother, Estelle Kellerman, one of our own members. Lois Morrow, one of our members also passed away and a card was sent to her husband. It was also reported the past husband of Bobbie Rothman Kuester of Braymar Bichons had passed away. A get well card was sent to Jewel Elias.

Sad news this issue of the bulletin. Hopefully we will have better news next issue. Anyone needing a get well card, or just a card of cheer, please let me know.

Diane Ayres, now 92 years young would love getting cards of cheer. Her new address is: Diane Ayres, Brookdale Home, 11400 W. 65th, Room 105, Shawnee, KS 66203.

Laura Purnell, Friendship Chairman
18440 Nall
Stilwell, KS 66085

Committee Reports**Membership—Karen Chesbro****Membership Report
SUMMER 2015****NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS (Sponsors)**

Nancy Castelli
311 Sentinel Lane
Newark, DE 19702
(Nita Gryan & Betsy Savage)

Karen Fernandes
3708 Rodale Way
Dallas, Texas 75287
(Deb Lamb & Mimi Winkler)

Shannon & Anthony Moore
3929 Hunter Peak Rd
Roanoke, TX 76262
(Donna Jones & Mary Spruiell)

Paulette Pickett
21800 Clarksburg Road
Boys, MD 20841
(Rick Day & Kathie Vogel)

John & Kay Yamasaki
5171 Cavendish Lane
Anaheim, CA 92807
(Susan Brockett & Shirley Hamilton)

All BFCA 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 24, 2015.

Committee Reports

Member Directory Changes Summer 2015

Please save the following in your biennial directory.

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BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST Est. 2003

Summer 2015

Spring and summer started out slow in rescue. Now all of a sudden we have had an influx of rescues. We currently have 14 Bichons in rescue awaiting new permanent homes. Fortunately we have available fosterers willing to take these rescues until suitable permanent homes are found.

All of our rescues are posted on Petfinder; also visit our Facebook page at Bichon Frise Club of America Charitable Trust, to see many of the rescues and their stories. We think you will be proud to see how your clubs rescue effort helps re-home unwanted and abandoned Bichons.

We are hosting a "Bichon Bash" at Bull Run Park in Centreville, Virginia on Sunday, September 13, 2015. This will be our first Bash which is a fund raiser for rescue. We hope that some of you can attend. There will be a link for registration on the BFACT website and registration will start August 1st.

We have volunteers attending the DogFest in Shepherdstown, West Virginia on August 15th and 16th. Our volunteers will be promoting our rescue effort and providing education to current and potential Bichon owners. This is Shepherdstown's Annual Dog Festival. It is a gathering of over a 1000 dog lovers with a meet and greet. There will be educational booths for attendees to visit, dog friendly restaurants and a yappy hour.

We are still promoting amazon smile and walk for a dog which is an app that can be downloaded on your smart phone. Both benefit the rescue effort.

Zandra Kern
Gail Antetomaso
Co-Chairs BFACT



BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA CHARITABLE TRUST

Est. 2003

Regions Bank Balance as of December 31, 2014 \$39,361.68

Regions Bank Balance as of June 30, 2015 \$32,123.69

YEAR-TO-DATE AS OF June 30, 2015

INCOME

Pay Pal Transfer In	4,500.00
Contribution	1,344.89
Adoption Rescue	1,675.00
Relinquishment Contribution	15.00
TOTAL INCOME	7,534.89

EXPENSES

Vet Expenses For Rescue	5,633.02
Emporium - Goods Purchased	326.00
Web Site	223.90
Office Supplies	125.36
Check Image Fee	60.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,772.88

Prepared By Matt Abbott, BFC ACT Treasurer

Committee Reports

REGISTER OF MERIT/REGISTER OF MERIT EXCELLENT AWARDS

Summer 2015 - Submitted as of 7/20/15

Congratulations to the following dogs that have been awarded ROM titles:

ROM

OWNER(S)

Legend's You've Got The Floor	Erayna Beckman*
CH Belle Creek's Me And My Gang	Lorrie Carlton* & Larry Letsche DVM*
CH Belle Creek's Funny Cide	Lorrie Carlton* & Larry Letsche DVM*
GCH CH Belle Creek's Flight To Dejavu	Lorrie Carlton*, Karla Matlock* & Larry Letsche, DVM*
CH Victoire's Norwegian Red	Vickie Halstead*

Note: * 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.

Application Process

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

- 1) An AKC Progeny Report for the sire or dam, listing the Champions of Record available from the AKC On-Line Store or a copy of publications from the AKC Gazette, AKC Awards, BFCA Banquet Awards Booklets or Bichon Reporters verifying the Champions of Record.
- 2) A copy of current AKC registration, showing all owners of the sire or dam.

Mail or Email to : Stephanie Uva
 2015 E Vista Ave
 Phoenix, AZ 85020
 Phone: 904.654.5906 bellabichons@gmail.com

Bichon Frise Club of Western Pennsylvania

The BFCWPA activities for this quarter included a Specialty show on May 24th and a regular meeting on May 31st.

The Specialty was held Sunday, May 24, 2015 at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds. The Puppy Sweepstakes had five entries and the Veterans Sweepstakes had one entry. We also had eleven entries in conformation.

A regular meeting was held on Sunday, May 31, 2015. Discussions included finalizing plans for the annual picnic and election of Officers and Board Members on July 12, 2015, setting future meeting dates and using the AKC marketing plans for clubs.

Karen Graeber

KEYSTONE
BICHON FRISE
CLUB



Officers and Directors for the 2015-2016 term

President-Nita Gryan

Vice President- Amy Walters

Recording Secretary-Diane Woodring

Corresponding Secretary-Denise O'Donnell

Treasurer- Joe Zaleski

Legislative Liaison and Breed Referral- Cyndie Adams

Board Members

Elaine Forstall, Eileen Zaleski, Jan Meyer, Carla Manley-Russock

We kicked off 2015 on March 22nd with a very well received dog training seminar presented by dog trainer, John L. Ford. May 30th was the date for our annual Bichon picnic. The theme was "A Bichon Wedding in the Park." Fun! On July 25th we will hold a member meeting and educational program focused on mentally challenging our dogs. On September 19th club members will travel to the Hershey Groom Expo in Hershey, PA. KBFC will hold our Regional Specialty on October 3rd at the Devon Dog Show Association at Ludwig's Corner, PA. We will cap off the year with a Holiday Luncheon on December 5th with raffles, gift exchange, friendship and good food!

In order to promote our club and to provide information about our breed we developed a KBFC pamphlet and website- www.keystonebichonfriseclub.com. Check us out!

Denise O'Donnell

KBFC Corresponding Secretary

You Are Invited To The 2016 BFCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY



WHEN — May 7-8, 2016
WHERE — Minneapolis, MN
Details will be forthcoming.