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President's Message—Avanell Sikes

How exciting! Just a few short weeks until the Specialty in Indy. We can visit with all our friends, some we only see once a year, and admire all the adorable Bichons.

Kathy Loynachan and all the Committees have been busy getting everything prepared for us. If you have not made your reservation, now is the time. Be sure to tell the hotel that you are with the BFCA Group so you will be counted in our room guarantee. It is very important that we meet our guarantee.

We will be participating in the AKC Parent Club National Specialty Coupon Program. There will be a sign up sheet at the Registration table for you to provide BFCA with your name and your e-mail address. We will provide AKC your name and e-mail address. AKC will e-mail each participant four coupons redeemable in the AKC store worth a total of \$16.00. Each coupon will have a value of \$4.00. Each coupon can be used for three generation pedigrees, 4 generation pedigrees, awards records, and dogs defeated and top dog reports. All this will be done electronically. Be sure to sign in.

There will also be a place for you to register with BFCA. Please be sure to register. This will help us provide a count and names of the hotel guest to help prove our number of guests at the hotel to meet our room guarantee.

The BFCA needs volunteers! BFCA is asking for volunteers for our various print and computer jobs. We will be forming various new committees; one will be for the color pictorial of our National. We need people that can take digital candid photos and also help with the digital layout and coordinate the printing of the book. We are looking for people that have computer knowledge associated with graphic arts. Please contact Lisa Des Camps at Lisad@allurebichons.com or 602-680-4408 if you are interested.

We also need volunteers for committees other than print and computer jobs. We will be expanding some committees and possibly creating some new committees. If you would like to serve on a particular committee, or any committee, please contact Avanell Sikes at avagbichon@aol.com or 601-825-0882. It will be helpful if you will contact us by April 20, 2010.

We welcome our new member printed in the Membership report. Madlyn, we look forward to greeting you at the General Meeting in Indy.

The Annual Board Meeting will be Tuesday May 4, 2010. If anyone would like to address the Board, please let me know by April 20, 2010 at avagbichon@aol.com or 601-825-0882, or contact Sandra Madia at sandraj@winning.com or 818-84-4240 and she will forward your request to me.

See you in Indy!

Officer Reports—Sandra Madia, Recording Secretary

Spring is definitely in the air and our 2010 National Specialty in Indianapolis is fast approaching. Numerous activities are happening in preparation for this event and your entire BFCA Board, Committee Chairmen, plus Kathy Loynachan (Show Chairman) are busy as bees getting it all together.

Our videographer this year is again Purebred Studios. This is our sixth year with this company and they have done a tremendous job filming all the events of our Specialty in the previous five years. **The DVD's from last year were excellent and so enjoyable to watch. The entire show set is the same price as last year and you will be able to see our awards table, interview with the President, and interviews with the judges. If you have not ordered before don't let this year pass you by.**

Lifelong memories on DVD's!

An opportunity to see the entire show from a spectator's point of view.

The ability to slow down the picture and really focus on the balance, movement and features of ALL of the show dogs.

You now have the ability to order on-line through the BFCA website and use PayPal for payment. Please review the flyer included with this bulletin and act quickly.

NOTICE TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Your END-OF-YEAR reports are due. The deadline for submission is April 23rd. One copy needs to be sent to Avaneil Sikes and the other copy needs to be sent to Shauna Scarborough. Electronic reports are preferred, but if that cannot be done be sure to mail the reports to arrive prior to the deadline. If you have any questions, please call me. (Pacific Time of course) Thank you.

LAST MINUTE REMINDER: If any club member wishes to address the Board at the BFCA Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 04th and you have not yet made arrangements to do so, please contact Avaneil Sikes immediately to be placed on the agenda.

Officer Reports—Sandra Madia, Recording Secretary

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Please consider volunteering to help with this important task. It does not require a large commitment of time on your part, but is a vital role. **The officers of the BFCA are selected by the membership but we need you to help "build the slate". Time is really short, so please just email your request to me. Fill out the form and email it to sandraj@winning.com or complete the form NOW and put it in the mail right away. I must have the forms by April 28th.**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Dues notices will be going out shortly after the specialty so please watch for the notice in your mail. A prompt renewal will be greatly appreciated. If you have any address, phone or email changes please submit them to me immediately to insure accurate mailings of the notices!

Those of you driving to the National Specialty, have a safe drive. Those of you flying, have a safe flight. Those of you who cannot attend - buy the videos and enjoy the show from your living room!

Thank You and Happy Spring.

REMINDER: There will be a General Meeting of the Bichon Frise Club of America on Wednesday, May 05, 2010, at the Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Officer Reports—Judy McNamara, Treasurer

BICHON FRISE CLUB OF AMERICA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JANUARY 1, 2010 TO MARCH 20, 2010

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2010 \$15,883.50

INCOME:

National Specialty Income	\$4,082.05	
Breeders Directory	50.00	
Membership Income	50.00	
Dues	52.49	
Sales	<u>173.50</u>	
Total Income		\$4,408.24

EXPENSES:

National Specialty	\$3,335.92	
Health Expense	1,100.00	
Judges Education Expense	141.72	
Website Expense	495.91	
Telephone	48.01	
Printing and Reproduction	27.33	
Bulletin Expense	857.46	
Treasurer Expense	24.47	
Insurance	<u>188.00</u>	
Total Expense		<u>\$6,218.82</u>

Net Income -1,810.58

CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE MARCH 20, 2010 \$14,072.92

BUSINESS SELECT SAVINGS

Balance January 1, 2010	\$50,058.68	
Interest Income	<u>4.76</u>	

BUSINESS SELECT SAVING BALANCE MARCH 20, 2010 50,063.44

TOTAL FUNDS MARCH 20, 2010 \$64,136.36

Committee Reports—Membership, Karen Chesbro

New Members

Madlyn Glazer
12 Janet Avenue
N. Bellmore, NY 11710
(Pam Goldman & Joanne Styles)

New Membership Applications (Sponsors)

Wendy & Danny Ball
P. O. Box 1117
Nortonville, KY 42442
(Rick Day & Donna Jones)

Kayley Kovar
1152 Hattermann Lane
Welmar, TX 78962
(Rick Day & Donna Jones)

Darlene & David Scheiris
806 Crane Street
Raymore, MO 64083-9311
(Barbara Barton & Vickie Halstead)

All BFCA members are invited to send comments (both pro & con) regarding applicants. Comments must be received by the Recording Secretary, Sandra Madia, 13631 Addison Street, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423-1411 by April 26, 2010.

Committee Reports—ROM/ROMX, Sandra Madia

REGISTER OF MERIT / REGISTER OF MERIT EXCELLENT AWARDS

Submitted as of 03/31/10

Congratulations to the following bichon that has been awarded a ROMX title:

CH. BELLE CREEK'S AGGRAVATION (B) LORRIE CARLTON* & LARRY LETSCHE*

THIS SPECIAL TITLE IS AWARDED TO "HILDE" FOR HAVING PRODUCED 13 CHAMPIONS.

Congratulations to the following bichons that have been awarded a ROM title:

CH. SHERAMOR ROMIO KRISTA D LITE (B)	SHERREN WATTS* & CHARLES WATTS*
CH. AVALON'S KEEPER OF MAGIC (B)	RENEE D. LAUER & LORRIE L CARLTON
CH. BELLE CREEK'S RISGAE GLORY BE (B)	LORRIE CARLTON* & RICK DAY*
CH. BELLE CREEK'S TESSA NOEL (B)	LORRIE CARLTON* & LARRY LETSCHE*
CH. BELLE CREEK'S SERENA'S SONG (B)	LORRIE CARLTON* & LARRY LETSCHE*
BELLE CREEK'S LAST CALL (B)	LORRIE CARLTON* & LARRY LETSCHE*
CH. RANK'S RAGGEDY ANDY (D)	LORRIE CARLTON*
CH. BELLE CREEK'S KOPI RITE (D)	LORRIE CARLTON* & LARRY LETSCHE* & M. HURT
CH. BELLE CREEK'S DOUBLE THE FUN (D)	LORRIE CARLTON* & LARRY LETSCHE*
CH. BELLE CREEK'S SEEKING GOLD (D)	LORRIE CARLTON* & LARRY LETSCHE*
CH. BEAU MONDE DREWLAINE DELUXE (D)	LORRIE CARLTON* & LARRY LETSCHE*
CH. BELLE CREEK'S DOUBLE TROUBLE (D)	LORRIE CARLTON* & LARRY LETSCHE*

*** Denotes BFCA Membership**

Qualifications for ROM/ROMX

It is the responsibility of the Owner of a proposed dog to submit the required information to the ROM/ROMX Chairman for confirmation. The Owner must be a BFCA member in good standing. To be eligible for a Register of Merit (ROM) Award, the subject dog is to have been: the Sire of

Committee Reports—ROM/ROMX Con't, Sandra Madia

seven (7) or more, or the Dam of five (5) or more, Champions of Record. To be eligible for a Register of Merit Excellent (ROMX) Award, the subject dog is to have been: the Sire of twenty-five (25) or more, or the Dam of ten (10) or more, Champions of Record. The progeny are to be Champions of Record, confirmed by AKC.

How to apply for your award:

To apply for your ROM/ROMX please submit the one of each item below:

1. An AKC Progeny Report for the sire or dam listing the Champions of record available from the AKC On-Line Store for \$25.00; OR listing of all progeny of said sire/dam indicating published dates championship in the AKC Gazette; OR include a check payable to BFCA for \$25.00 in order to obtain an AKC On-Line Progeny Report. If BFCA obtains the progeny report a copy will be mailed to you.
2. Copy of current AKC registration, showing all owners of the sire or dam

Mail To: Sandra J Madia, 13631 Addison Street, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423-1411
Phone: 818-784-4240 E-mail: sandraj@winning.com

Note: If you have any questions about applying for these awards please contact me.

Announcements

2010 National Specialty Report

By the time you have this Bulletin in your hands; we will be just a few weeks away from a good time in Indianapolis. I hope you have all made your reservations --banquet, seminar, hotel/RV. **Let's not forget** the ever so important show entries. We can't have a specialty without lots of pretty Bichons.

We can always use help in running the specialties, so don't hesitate to offer your time. You might even have a good time and helping out at a specialty is always a good way to meet new people.

Please contact Katherine Dillon if you have any items for the auction or raffle. She will be glad to hear from you and to tell you where you need to ship your items if you will not be able to attend.

We have a seminar that should interest all of us, and some wonderful judges, but we need all of you for this specialty to be a success. Plan on attending! It is always so much fun to see our "Bichon" friends!

See you all soon in Indy!

Hotel Coordinator

In 2011, we will be going to the great state of Texas for our Specialty. The Houston Club came to us over 2 years ago with a proposal to hold a National. It took a while to get all the details together, but all persevered. We will be holding our even at the Sheraton North Houston. It is a lovely facility that should be ideal for us. This will be the first time we have gone to a week-end venue. The dates will be: Thursday, May 5 through Sunday, May 8, 2011.

Donna Rogers

Auction Announcement



A Special "Gift" will be an added feature to the Highest Bidder the night of the Auction!

Robbie McDonell (Lorrie Carleton's mother) the artist will do an 11x14 drawing for you of one of YOUR Bichon's!

A friendly reminder to keep your eyes peeled and to stay alert when you are out and about or just gazing at Bichon items in your own home with this thought. "What might I like to donate to the Raffle and or Auction in Indy this year"?

Last years DONATIONS were simply OUTSTANDING! Thank You ! Let's make 2010 another GREAT year for DONATIONS!

I'm again looking for Volunteers, jobs include, Setting Up, runners to hand items to me to keep RICK DAY rolling along, Selling Tickets, Spotters FOR LARRY SORENSON! I've already had Laura Huddleston, Lisa Des Camps, Nancy McDonald, Lynn Ramich and Stephanie Uva volunteer,,,,,Cheers to them!

Finally, Kathy Loynachan our Show Chairman has offered to have folks send items to her if needed, Kathy will be driving to the National.

Contact:

Katherine Dillon~alleykat.dillon@att.net

559-561-3675

When donating items, please call or email Katherine with a description & donor name. If you are not able to bring items to the show, please contact Katherine Dillon for shipping address.

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2010 BFCA National Specialty



2010 BFCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

MAY 4, 5, 6, 7

LOCATION:.....INDIANAPOLIS WYNDHAM WEST HOTEL

(Formerly the Adam's Mark)

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

RESERVATIONS 877-361-4511

LOCAL NUMBER 317-381-6181

Kathy Loynachan 641-862-3276 after 6:00 PM or bichon12@iowatelecom.net
