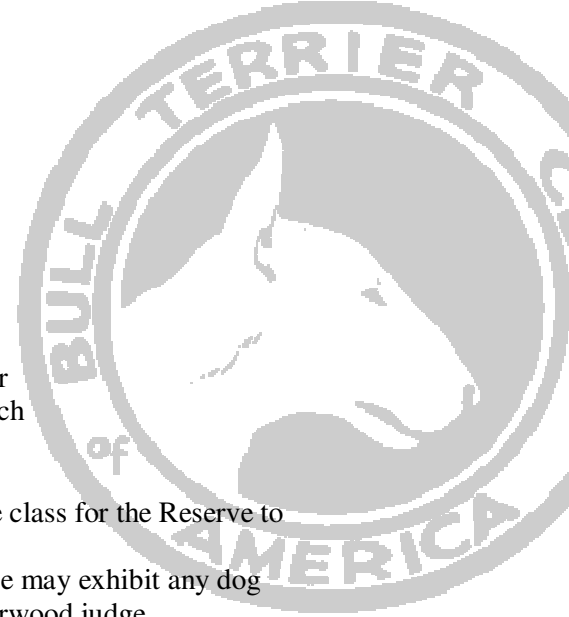


**Bull Terrier Club of America
Board Meeting Highlights
March 2009**



1. BARKS covers will be:
 - Winter issue – Silverwood winner
 - Spring issue – National Specialty winner
 - Summer issue – Stud dog and Brood bitch

2. Two clarifications to the Silverwood rules:
 - a. There must be a minimum of nine animals competing in the class for the Reserve to earn a 3-point ROM.
 - b. An exhibitor who co-owns a dog(s) with a Silverwood judge may exhibit any dog under that judge except a dog(s) that is co-owned with a Silverwood judge.

3. The BTCA appointed Finance Committee has been hard at work and gave a preliminary report. Some of their recommendations have been implemented and others are under consideration. An area that is going to continue to receive attention is the deficit in uncommitted monies in the general fund. The committee and the Board will continue to review the financial status of the club. The Board thanks the committee, sub-committee and volunteers for their efforts and continued hard work.

4. Money can be saved on the publication costs of BARKS and The Record by having the graphic design aspect of each issue more printer-ready. Adobe InDesign will be purchased for this use. We anticipate cost savings of \$200 to \$400 per issue.

5. The deadline for the Record has been extended to March 21st. The membership is encouraged to support the Record with advertising. This helps offset the publication costs.

6. There will be an increase in cost from \$10.00 to \$20.00 for a three month listing on The Web Puppy Pile. Any changes to the listing during the three-month time will incur an additional \$5.00.

7. The Board has voted to create a non-profit sub-entity of the BTCA that will focus on rescue, health and education. We are moving forward to obtain 501(c)(3) status for this entity. This requires filing an application with the appropriate federal and state authorities and providing proper organizational documents, including bylaws and articles of incorporation. Acquiring a 501(c)(3) status will enable us to:
 - a. Accept bequests
 - b. Match bequests
 - c. Accept donations from other 501(c)(3) entities
 - d. Apply for funding for educational programming
 - e. Accept donations that are tax-deductible to the donor

8. We are investigating options in and out of the U.S. regarding the cost of making the molds for our bronze trophies along with the possibilities of alternative mediums.

9. Silverwood judges:
 - 1 – Norma Smith
 - 2 – Mary Remer
 - 3 – John YoungNational Specialty judge: Dr. Carl Pew
Sweepstakes judge: Linda Maddox



10. Revised Futurity judge selection guidelines:

Candidates for judging the BTCA Futurity shall be approved breed judges or experienced breeders. The following criteria should be used to determine suitability:

- a) Consider judging record – Have top placements gone on to similar recognition by other BT judges.
- b) Twelve years minimum of involvement in the breed. Four litters of BTs raised on premises. Three homebred Bull Terriers campaigned to championship title.
- c) Bred at least two ROM titled dogs.
- d) On-going involvement in breed (i.e. attendance at specialty/ supported shows)

Item (a) required of all candidates and Item (c) a minimum for breeders. Candidate pool: licensed breeder judges, talented all-rounders, experienced successful breeders. After all, we are looking for someone who clearly has obvious talent at the breed and that they have demonstrated it in two or more ways.

11. The pilot program for non-breeder judges will continue as is for another year. This means that Ken McDermott, Desi Murphy and Bob Shreve will be eligible to judge two ROM shows in 2010.

12. The Board has accepted the Trophy Sponsorship and Solicitation Committee's proposal for soliciting sponsors for the trophies and ribbons at this year's National Specialty in San Jose. This will include the sweepstakes and the regular and non-regular classes. All sponsors will be listed in the catalog as well as in the Record. The committee will work with Trophy Chair, Theresa Spurr on the specifics of the trophies. The Board thanks the committee for its hard work and presentation and looks forward to a successful solicitation venture.

13. Due to a conflict with his schedule the Buckeye Club has replaced Jon Cole at the Columbiana County Kennel Club on 07/31/09 with Claudia Sharp.

14. Our Legislative Chairs, Jan Dykema and Judy Schreiber are faced with an increasingly daunting task. Claudia Sharp and Naomi Waynee will work with Jan to create a membership list sorted by state. Legislative issues pertinent to states will be e-mailed to members accordingly. Jan would be grateful to any volunteers to help battle this cause and is also looking for any lawyers who would lend their expertise. Members should contact Jan directly if you they are able to help in any capacity.

Naomi Waynee is donating a print to be raffled off at Silverwood. The proceeds of which will go to help fight BSL.

15. **MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED** – Claudia Sharp is running a poll on the members only list: would members prefer to have show critiques or regional club reports in BARK's; the other appearing on the BTCA website. Would members prefer to have critiques only in the Record?

16. The next Board meeting will be on Friday, May 29th in conjunction with the BTCNE show weekend.