

## Agenda

Annual Membership Meeting April 12, 2018

Call Meeting to Order

Establish Quorum

Approve Agenda.

Introduction of officers and members

Introduction of Parliamentarian

Request for Motion to approve 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes as printed

### **Officer Reports**

**a. President's Report – Cara Greger**

**b. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Sherry Hanley**

It's been my pleasure to serve as 1st Vice President for another year. And what a busy year it's been. I want to thank my fellow board members for their support and the accomplishments we achieved this past year.

As the next in line to the President my duties are to help carry out the same responsibilities and step up when necessary. I was appointed by my fellow board members to chair this year's nominating committee. As the chair I want to thank those who volunteered to serve. As we move ahead I will continue to serve the board and the membership to the best of my ability.

**c. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Penny King**

The year has been full of more learning for me on what goes in to running a club, policy, procedures, deadlines and timelines. Whew, as with anything, there certainly is more than meets the eye and I strongly encourage everyone to take a turn at the wheel. It has been amazing to work with the current BOD, their diversity and knowledge base is amazing. There has been much busy-making with motions to clarify, clean-up, correct, to brand new thoughts and what-ifs. A struggle with any club is encouraging participation from existing members to recruiting new members in a day where everything is done via technology with little personal engagement - today's world is geared toward paying the dues (which we NEED!), maybe attending the national and following FB or Belg-I. I truly encourage local BSD clubs to do more fun days to build community within the breed. The National Club is limited geographically and financially to what it can do for individuals, but the local clubs are in a unique position to nurture fellow fanciers and make participation a fun and welcoming event. Bring back the "sewing circle" - like-minded folks getting together to enjoy their passions - pizza party, grooming seminars, obe/rally practices, nose work practices, bobbing for bones - get creative and get involved. A pyramid is only as strong as it's base.....and that is YOU, the members.

**d. Coresponding Secretary – Julie Fiechter**

**e. Recording Secretary – Jana Behm**

We tried something new this year for the annual meeting. Motions and agenda items were to be to me by February 28<sup>th</sup> so that an agenda could be posted 30 days before the meeting. Reports were due by March 23<sup>rd</sup> and the full packet was posted on March 28<sup>th</sup> (2 weeks before the meeting) so that the membership could print and review them before the meeting. The hope is that this will allow the members to have a better understanding for the flow of the meeting, allow for a faster moving meeting, and keep printing costs down for the club.

**f. Treasurer - Cindy Herman**

**A. Banking Regulation**

1. Patriot Act – Know your customer
2. Requires bank to have documentation official documentation from the customer to verify their identity
  - a. This prevents terrorism funding
  - b. Prevents money laundering
3. Affects on BSCA
  - a. Election of officers signatures on the accounts could change from year to year
  - b. National Specialty accounts opened each year
4. Opening accounts are no longer simple
  - a. There is no true national bank
  - b. Chase, US Bank, and Wells Fargo are banks board has dealt with
    - i. Proper paperwork must be presented
    - ii. Often requires more than one trip to the bank
    - iii. Must be coordinated with all signatures on the account
    - iv. Possibility signatures can be across the country & in different time Zones

**B Membership trends**

1. Member not renewing for 2018 and 2017
  - a. 2017 1 junior, 1 household and 10 single members did not renew. For a loss of \$730
  - b. 2018 1 junior, 2 household and 20 single members did not renew. For a loss of \$1,460.
2. Lifetime Membership trends.
  - a. Over the next 10 years 98 memberships (83 single and 15 household) convert to lifetime
  - b. This is an annual cost of \$2,185 in 2028
3. Average per year of new member applications is 13.6
4. Of the new applicants 47% do not renewal dues

**C. Net Income**

1. 2017 financial reports

- a. Total Receipts for calendar year 2017 were \$76,636.
- b. Total disbursements for the year were \$79,596
- c. A net loss of (\$2,960).
- d. Total funds in the Treasury as of December 2017 were \$129,533
  - 1. \$19,109 are restricted to various events.
- 2. Since 2014 income has been generally negative.
- 3. Expenses the club could decrease-postage other than newsletter, printing other than newsletter, bank fees.
  - a. These fees could be lowered by doing electronic notices rather than snail mail
  - b. PayPal fees could be recovered by charging a fee for using PayPal.

D. Newsletter

- 1. The newsletter team has been doing a good job at keeping cost down however as there is little profit for the club.
- 2. If postage and printing costs go up Newsletter could start to be in the red.
- 3. The estimated cost of each member's newsletter the year is \$40.23.  
Recommendation is to keep the Lifetime members cost at \$40.00

E Club events and Supported Entries

- 1. National Specialties are not making a large profit and some loose money.
  - a. Specialties are being planned out three years in advance.
  - b. Deposits and other expenses are having to be paid.
- 2. In 2017 supported entries tripled the amount being spent in previous years
  - c. To continue encouragement of clubs doing specialties and supported entries and be fair to the entire membership the board approved the following policy.
    - 1. The board will approve financial support for two shows/trials per club/individual year. A club or individual can have as many non financially supported shows/trial they wish per year.

F. Dues decision

- 1. Dues recommendation – Dues remain the same at \$65 for single and \$80 for household. To gain more usable revenue for the club recommend the health assessment be eliminated.
  - a. Members who wish can always add \$5.00 donation for health assessment

G. BSDRT Treasurer's Report

- 1. Total funds in the Trust as of the end of the year was \$56,644.
- 2. Of this, \$10,530 was held for disbursement to various health initiatives
- 3. \$46,114 was held for support of ongoing rescue operations.

**g. Board Members: Jan Powers- No report Barb Trezza – no report  
Kathay Lovell**

The Board had a busy year. One of the items I brought up at last year's Board meeting (via teleconference) was for the Board to read and consider using *Rosenberg's Rules of Order* rather than *Robert's Rules of Order* (newly revised edition, 160 pages), which the BSCA currently uses. *Rosenberg's Rules of Order* is five pages of parliamentary procedure. I submitted an electronic

copy of *Rosenberg's Rules of Order* to our Corresponding Secretary on April 26, 2017 to give to the Board. I sent a copy of the five page *Rosenberg's Rules of Order* to the whole board on May 3, 2017. No discussion was initiated.

I bring this up now because the BSCA spends approximately \$600 per year for a parliamentarian to attend our general meeting. *Robert's Rules of Order* has been the primary option for parliamentary procedure of corporations, legislative bodies, and non-profits.

I attended a presentation several years ago by Judge Rosenberg who wrote and published *Rosenberg's Rules of Order*. The League of Cities in California has adopted it for cities.

Additionally, several corporations and non-profits have opted to use *Rosenberg's Rules of Order*. It is a simple and highly effective method of executing and maintaining order and fairness during meetings.

I have extensive professional experience sitting on boards, both private and nonprofit, that successfully use *Rosenberg's Rules of Order*. An electronic copy is available by request for further reading.

## Area Club Reports

### a. Barbary Coast Belgian Sheepdog Club

### b. Belgian Sheepdog Club of Oakland County Michigan

The Belgian Sheepdog Club of Oakland County Michigan held our annual two UKC obedience trials in October. We had a good entry with pleasant exhibitors and great judges. Karen Agacinski provided us with a wonderful lunch yet again. In trial #1 - High Scoring Belgian Sheepdog AND High in Trial went to: UKC-CD Indigo Hill's Direct Route to Bayview CD BN RE AX AXJ OAP OJP with a score of 199 ½. In the second trial High Scoring Belgian Sheepdog went to: UKC-CDX MACH 7 Masterpiece's E Street Echo CDX RE MXG3 MJG3 NAP NJP XF T2B4. In November 2018 we will again be holding two UKC obedience trials.

### c. Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Rockies

The Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Rockies held a very successful regional specialty at the Terry-All Kennel Club shows in April 2017 – report submitted in the Newsletter. As the BSCA national specialty is held the same weekend as Terry-All in April 2018, there will be no regionals until April 2019. Here's to a very fun and successful year for all!

### d. Downeaster Belgian Sheepdog Club

The DBSC will again be hosting a designated regional specialty this November in West Springfield MA. We will also again be applying to hold a BSCA show the next day.

### e. Northwest Belgian Sheepdog Club

### f. Potomac Valley Belgian Sheepdog Club

### g. Raritan Belgian Sheepdog Club

Raritan had the privilege of participating in two educational events in 2017. The first was in January, through Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, and is called Canine Learning Experience. It's held in Allentown, PA, and is a wonderful way to reach out to the local communities. We are fortunate to have members who design, construct and man the booth and have done so for over thirty years. What a great team! Our members also travel to NYC to represent the BSCA in Meet the Breeds in February, an event that takes place over Westminster weekend, during the

agility championships. It draws 15,000 people plus a year. This event, due to its size and number of visitors, is truly a testament to our dogs and their wonderful temperaments. We held a Designated Specialty in Long Branch, NJ, in September. We were also delighted to Support the Entry of Belgian Sheepdogs at three other shows: The Kennel Club of Philadelphia (Nov.,) Lehigh Valley KC (Dec.,) and Delaware Water Gap KC (Dec.)

Members also traveled to the Ronald McDonald House Camp to bring therapy Belgians to visit children at the camp.

If you are interested in any of our events, please see our website at [raritanbsdc.webs.com](http://raritanbsdc.webs.com).

**h. Trinity Valley Belgian Sheepdog Club**

**i. Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Blue Ridge**

For 2018, Blue Ridge is again planning to host events with the Salisbury, NC Kennel Club and the Greater Hickory Kennel Club during their Victory Lane Classic Cluster in Concord, NC. On Saturday, June 2, 2018 Blue Ridge will be supporting the Belgian Sheepdog entry with the Greater Hickory Kennel Club. On Sunday, June 3, 2018, Blue Ridge will be hosting a BSCA Regional Specialty with the Salisbury, NC Kennel Club. We sincerely hope this year's turnout will be a HUGE improvement over last year since last year the whole cluster suffered huge numbers of absentees because of the canine flu epidemic which hit this area very badly.

Even more exciting, Blue Ridge, along with the Belgian Sheepdog Club of North Georgia is combining forces to host the BSCA 2020 National in beautiful Asheville, NC! We are very much looking forward to this event. And as with any National, we need lots of volunteers so please contact Chris Curran or me if you'd like to help.

**j. Sierra Nevada Belgian Sheepdog Club**

Sierra Nevada Belgian Sheepdog formed in 2015. We held our first Supported Entry in 2015 with majors all weekend.

In 2017 we had the following successful events.

Two BSCA AKC Herding Trials & Tests in June 2017

Our 2nd Regional Specialty & 3rd Supported Entry September 2017  
with majors in bitches & dogs all weekend.

We had Belgians travel from 6 states for our shows!

The day before Regional & we hosted two AKC Herding Tests. We had an entry of over 25 dogs entered in each event. 10 were BSD and all titled.

2018 Events already AKC & BSCA Approved

Two Herding trials & tests June 15, 2018

Two AKC Herding Ranch Dog Trials September 15, 2018

BSCA Regional Specialty & Sweeps September 28, 2018

BSCA Supported Entry September 29, 2018

**k. Belgian Sheepdog Club of North Georgia**

The Belgian Sheepdog Club of North Georgia is continuing to work towards its AKC recognition. We will once again (pending BSCA approval) host our Southeast Regional Specialty in Perry, Ga. on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with the Kennesaw Kennel Club. We are thrilled to be co-hosting the 2020 National Specialty in Asheville, NC with the Blue Ridge Belgian Sheepdog Club.

## Board Appointed Committees

- a) AKC Delegate Barb Swisher
- b) Historian –
- c) Newsletter – Mary Grace Buckwalter

The BSCA Newsletter brings you an average of 265 pages per year of professional articles and member-written articles and columns, along with Board Business reports and member Brags and special announcements. Our thanks go out to Annabelle Cambier, Peggy Richter, and Tami Worley for the effort and care they put into their columns. Besides your editors, members have graciously offered their contributions in the form of articles: Sheri Alligood, Linda Brady, Rory Friedow, Laura Gilbert, Kaye Hall, Lisa Leffingwell, Bonnie Leonard, Karen Scott, Marion Stark, Mary Stephens, Sherri Swabb, Lissette Weem. The following were kind enough to contribute photographs: Pamela Anderson, Linda Brady, Shelly Brosnan, Mary Grace Buckwalter, Inga Cape, Kathy Champine, Cheryl Corson, Debbie Courtier, Vicki Daugherty, Suzanne DeBlois, Viola Dyer, Linda Freidow, Laura Gilbert, Kaye Hall, Sherry Hanley, Eleanor Heagy, Karen Hodges, Boomer Kohn, Bonnie Leonard, Kathay Lovell, Anne McArtor, Jill Miller, Nancy Mueller, Janice Mulrooney, Ashley, Musser, Aimee Nothnagle, Gail O'Neil, Jan Powers, Michele Ricci, Karen Scott, Julie Simon, Marion Stark, Jim Tsitanidis, Terri Votava, Lisette Weem, Carleen Wiles, Michele Wilson, Tami Worley. We could not do this without the help and support of our contributors and we offer you all much appreciation!

The team is happy to let the membership know that we have once more brought down the costs of printing the newsletter. We are down just over 11% from the year 2015 and 6.2% from year

	Veterans	Puppies	Performance	NS	Brood Bitch	Stud Dog	yearly total
<b>2017</b>	67.1	67.2	67.3	67.4	67.5	67.6	
	1975.94	1595.17	1878.68	3745.06	2161.00	1745.18	\$13,101.03
<b>2016</b>	66.1	66.2	66.3	66.4	66.5	66.6	
	2804.84	1456.53	2089.53	3596.32	1882.39	2138.92	\$13,968.53
<b>2015</b>	65.1	65.2	65.3	65.4	65.5	65.6	
	2147.28	1933.68	2390.33	2679.63	2804.84	2804.84	\$14,760.60

2016.

Table A contains the printing costs over the last three years. Areas shaded in grey were issues printed through the publisher we were with from mid-2014 to mid-2016. As of issue 66.4, we entered into a contract with our current printer.

Determining costs is dependent upon the number of pages printed, the number of issues printed, and the driving cost behind printing is the amount of color pages used. Table B is a further breakdown by these factors.

This is an analysis of cost per page. Costs per page should decrease as number of pages increase. This does NOT apply to color pages. One should also see a pattern in ranges of number of pages v costs emerge.

Issue	COST (source: Invoice and Board Business)	# pages	cost per page	number of copies	
67.6	1745.18	28	0.17	359	b & w center; color cover; color insides
67.5	2161	40	0.15	356	color center; color inside covers
67.4	3745.06	108	0.10	359	b&w center; color inside covers
67.3	1608.58	36	0.13	356	
67.2	1595.17	24	0.18	355	b&w center; color inside covers
67.1	1975.94	32	0.17	362	color center; b& w inside covers
66.6	2138.92	40	0.15	367	color center; color inside covers
66.5	1882.39	28	0.19	360	color center; b& w inside covers
66.4	3596.32	96	0.11	356	color center; color inside covers
66.3	2089.53	36	0.15	400	
66.2	1456.53	24	0.15	400	
66.1	2804.84	40	0.18	400	
65.6	2804.84	32	0.22	400	color center; color covers (inside & out)
65.5	2804.84	48	0.15	400	color center; color covers (inside & out)
65.4	2679.63	68	0.10	400	b&w center; color covers
65.3	2390.33	44	0.14	400	b&w center; color covers
65.2	1933.68	28	0.17	400	b&w center; color covers
65.1	2147.28	44	0.12	400	b&w center; color covers///mismarked 64.7

Prior to issue 66.4, the newsletter was printing 400 copies per issue. As of the move in 2016 to our current printer, we adopted the procedure of only printing the number to be mailed plus five extra. This cut down on a great amount of waste.

Table B

In 2017, we solidified our policies and guidelines. In April, there was a member vote at the annual meeting regarding advertising and guidelines. Later, in the fall, after research into best practices and legal consult, a policy was forwarded to the board for its consideration regarding the newsletter's policy in accepting and printing images. This policy was accepted and voted upon. Both policies can be found on the last page of every newsletter, along with deadline information and advertising rates.

Looking into 2018:

1) We will face a difficult task of printing fewer newsletters for the same cost. As we are moving into the printing of the first issue of 2018, we have about 21 less subscribers. This will actually translate into an increase in cost per issue/per member. Therefore, this summer, at the end of our contract, we will be looking into methods to further reduce our costs.

This is an analysis of the costs to members per year, printing 400, 350 and 325 copies of an issue. From 2013 to mid 2016, 400 issues were printed. In mid 2016, we began printing +/- 350. As of Jan 2018, we will print 325.					
	per year at 400 copies	per year at 350 copies	per year at 325 copies		Increase/Decrease based upon Yearly Total
2017	\$32.75	\$37.43	\$40.31		full year with AG = 11.2% decrease from full year with Bozeman 6.2% decrease from 2016
2016	\$34.92	\$39.91	\$42.98		5.4% decrease from 2015
2015	\$36.90	\$42.17	\$45.42	per subscription	40 % increase from 2013 25% increase from 2014

2) We continue to put a call out to anyone interested in writing a bi-monthly (every two months) column. Please send us your ideas and a sample column. Approx. 400-500 words; Arial; size 9 OR if you're interested, we could send you a list of topics.

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## Committee Reports

### a) 2018 National Specialty – Lorra Miller

We are going to have a very busy Specialty Just got an email from ABTC saying we actually have 30 more people signed up for Welcome banquet than allowed in Founders room and they are working on that.

Getting down to details and making sure nothing gets missed.

All my chairs have been awesome!! Totally awesome!

Here are some counts:

French Herding - 13- All four breeds

Barn Hunt - Filled both days

Messenger Dog - Filled

Scent Work Trial - Filled

BSCA Herding - 26 Trial Runs and 11 Test

BSCA Tracking - Filled

All Belgian Herding - 43 Trial and 13 Test- All four breeds

All Breed Agility - Filled

BSCA Agility - 171 runs

BSCA Obedience - 65

BSCA Rally - 88

BSCA Sweeps - 45 Puppy and 29 Veterans

BSCA Class Dogs and Bitches - 120

BSCA Specials - 58

BSCA Banquet - 120 tickets sold

Welcome Party - 92 tickets sold - Just found out 30 more are showing up than will fit in Founders room. Karrie working on it.

Eye Clinic - 45 with more planning to sign up

RV Parking - Finally seemed to smooth out and everyone ready to party!

Reserved Grooming - 85 sold and 2 cancelled, will make sure everything lays out as planned before releasing extra spaces.

Merchandise - about 300 specialty items ordered

Catalog Ads - More than ever - need to get exact number

Auctions - Getting a lot of donations

Working on:

Ring layouts and scheduling events especially Saturday.

Dealing with limited day of crating for Obedience

Annual Banquet Agenda

### b) 2019 National Specialty Mary Stephens

Robert's Centre/Wilmington, OH April 28<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Chair – Mary Stephens

Hotel reservations can start being made on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (do NOT call before then). You will need to call the hotel directly at **1-937-283-3200** and reference the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America's block. We had many folks wait until the last minute in 2017 so had difficulties getting the days they wanted. Price is \$109/night.

The host hotel has gone through some recent renovations, Robert's Centre now has 26 RV hook-ups with electric (hoping to be FULL hook-ups by national), and I have been guaranteed that the weather will be perfect!



As a fundraiser, we will be raffling off a 7 night stay at the host hotel – it is a suite! Valued at \$1000!!! Tickets will be \$15, or 3 for \$40. See Carol Frederick or Mary Stephens for tickets. Drawing will be January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Be looking for the FB page that will be set up in late April!!

**c) 2020 National Specialty –**

The 2020 Belgian Sheepdog National Specialty will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Asheville, North Carolina on April 14-20, 2020. It will be co-hosted by the Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Blue Ridge and the Belgian Sheepdog Club of North Georgia with Christopher Curran and Eileen Indorato as the Co-chairs and Carleen Wiles and Terri Votava as the assistants.

Tentative scheduling of events has been discussed as well as sites for herding and tracking. We are thrilled that Asheville is a wonderfully dog friendly city that sits in the Blue Ridge Mountains. There is fantastic hiking, dog friendly bars and restaurants and gorgeous scenery. The hotel sits as a semi-circle around a large grassy area allowing for breed and agility to be viewed from your patio. Just over from the grass is the large ballroom that will accommodate scent work, obedience and rally rings. The site is absolutely beautiful!!!

Mark your calendars and if you have suggestions please forward them and even better if you would like to volunteer please let us know!! We look forward to welcoming you to the first specialty in 40 years in the Southeast.

**d) AKC Gazette - Barb Trezza**

I started off well but lost track of deadlines. Sigh I will work hard to do better in the future!!

**e) Audit Committee – Chris Curan**

I have reviewed the financial records of the BSCA as provided me by Cindy Herman and find that they are in good order.

I have attached an Appendix that provides both more detail and serves as a guide to whoever completes future audits. Since the appendix includes much detail that is not of interest to most members, I suggest you keep it in the BSCA records and make it available to members upon request.

I do have one major recommendation—change the layout of the financial records presented to the membership so that it is easy to see how the members' dues are being spent on (1) National Specialties, (2) Rescue, (3) Health, (4) Newsletters, and (5) general expenses. Since the details of (1), (2), and (3) are not included in these records, this report can only report what money is used by the National Specialties (by year), Rescue, and Health, leaving audits of these separate "organizations" to provide the details of how the money is spent and what are their sources of income (mostly from membership dues in the cases of Rescue and Health). Recorded in this way would make it easier for the individual member to see what their dues are buying.

There is one peculiarity of the accounts that I do not understand. The income for Rescue is held by the BSCA but the details of the expenditures are not included in these data. It would seem more logical to me that the money raised for Rescue be transferred to a separate account that is controlled by Rescue and is audited separately. There may be tax reasons why we are doing things the way we are but I am not aware of what these tax rules are.

**f) BSDRT Marion Lloyd**

It has been another busy year for Belgian Sheepdog Rescue Trust.

CONTACTS – 28

ADOPTIONS APPLICATIONS – 19

ADOPTED – 1

SURRENDERS – 4

VOLUNTEERS - 7

FOSTER DOGS – 1

BREEDER RETURN - 3

DOGS CHECKED OUT – Many!

We received 28 requests from individuals for either more information or an interest in future rescues.

We received 19 applications for adoptions should a rescue become available.

The one female BSD we were seeking a permanent home for at last year's National was placed in June and is reportedly doing very well and fitting in nicely with their other Belgian!

The four dogs surrendered through our website this year were not eligible to accept as none were purebred Belgian Sheepdogs but rather mainly GSD mixes. Of the four, one was also considered by the owner as dog/people aggressive.

We had seven individuals offer to volunteer either as transport drivers or other responsibilities.

Thank you and bless you one and all! We could not do it without each and every one of you!!

**BUT WE STILL NEED MORE PLEASE!!!** Signup sheets will be at the BSDRT Raffle Area during Specialty!

We have 1 shelter dog that recently went into foster care and is currently being evaluated and brought up to date on shots, etc. We already have qualified, interested applications for her "forever home".

As for Breeders - One dog was returned to the original litter's Sire after the owner passed away and one was a breeder return due to the owner's inability to care for the dog due to aging health problems. One was returned to its breeder after the owner needed to make some life changes. All of these cases were Rescue assist and the dogs were not surrendered into our system.

Area Coordinators –

We are very pleased to have a very familiar face back in our folds!! Thank you, thank you to Cheryl Pischke Robotka for picking up the reins again as Area Coordinator in the Great Lakes Region! We have missed you and are so glad your schedule has allowed you to volunteer again!

We would also like to give a shout out to David Ring, who tirelessly trolls the internet pages and shelters in search of our dogs who might have fallen through the cracks. Countless times he has referred dogs to us who need our attention and is such an intricate piece of this puzzle we call Rescue. If you know him or see him, please let him know how much his volunteer work is appreciated!

Through the course of this last year our Coordinators once again have traveled from the North, South, East and West to check out a plethora of black dogs! Most of these turned out to be mixes of GSD and or Chow rather than Belgian Sheepdogs. But none were overlooked! Dogs who appeared to be possible candidates for other breed clubs were forwarded to their contacts for consideration.

We currently now have coordinators in each of our designated areas of the United States! But we would love to diversify more!!! So please, if you are willing to help out on occasion and/or know people in your area who might help, come talk to Marion Lloyd or myself about joining our

team! Besides support to the Coordinators in your area, we can always use Fosters, Transporters, and individuals to do Home Checks or ID and Evaluate these dogs. The more the merrier and the easier on all of us as well!!!

#### DONATIONS -

In September, BSDRT submitted an application on behalf of our parent club, Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, for consideration of one of the \$5000 Donations Westminster Kennel Club was offering the National Breed Clubs in support of their rescue efforts. Unfortunately we were not one of the applications selected for a donation, but we tried!

#### **A FINAL NOTE – There is an area where BSDRT could truly use everyone’s assistance.....**

This year has seen a disturbing number of younger possible Belgian dogs posted on Craigslist. We KNOW how careful our breeders are in placing their pups and that is never an issue! However, dogs are sadly appearing with more regularity for any number of reasons. Some from backyard breeders, some because the owners motive is money over the dog, and on rare occasions it is because the owner has either lost contact with his breeder or is simply too ashamed to contact them and admit failure. As we maneuver through this Craigslist minefield, we remain very clear that BSDRT doesn’t “purchase” their dogs! Still when they undeniably could be ours we do reach out to postings in an effort to gain more knowledge of the situation and educate the owner of our important services and attempt to gain breeder information. Clearly, it is not always their fault! Some were not properly vetted or educated. Some were simply “sold a bill of goods”! I’ve talked to them! They are in tears trying to do what is right and unsure where to begin. They are not aware we exist or there may be possible alternatives. Some fear the return of the dog to the questionable breeder will only result in its’ resale to another unsuspecting soul when temperament problems are already visible.

We would really like all our members to understand, especially those who see these postings on media pages that in some of these cases, we are able to work “for the good of the dog” through the owners and after all it is our purpose. However, it is a tentative situation at best. There are times we have been able to educate and re-connect them with the breeder and all has ended well.

Unfortunately, in today’s age social media is prone to be more like the old “Telephone” game “Pass It On” some of us played as children! In a blink of an eye, the purpose is lost and all that is left is personal opinions. When individuals post unknowingly or attempt to contact the person seeking assistance or even worse suddenly become the judge and jury in these cases by posting negative thoughts without knowledge or regard of the real truth our job becomes much more difficult. The people we are helping are also on social media and can become upset by the comments. Quite often all is lost. We feel confident that was never anyone’s intent!

We all love this breed, it is why we purchase them, breed them, show/perform with them in every venue imaginable! They hold a place in our hearts and every single one of us wants the best possible outcome for each of them!

So please, we ask you to help Pass It On in a positive way! Share this message with all your friends. IF, a post regarding a possible Belgian Sheepdog or even the slightest inkling of one comes across your purview, send a note to our FB page Belgian Sheepdog Rescue Trust or go to our website Contact Us section and send a message. Your information will come to Karen Scott & Marion Lloyd and you will have our undying gratitude!

**g) Webmaster David Jackson**

Ongoing website/IT support includes software updates, backups, committee specific content updates, updating and archiving minutes, email account setup/updating, hosting maintenance, financial reports and digital newsletters. We also provide online membership renewal and end of year donations. Every year we also support the BSCA national committee providing web space, online ordering, results and any support that is requested by them.

We had several projects specific to this year. We transferred all monetary transactions to a new BSCA paypal account. A BSCA online store was created for future use. This coming year we should transition renewal and donations to this new store.

**h) Regional Specialty Coordinator**

As Event Coordinator, I have had BSCA Board approvals and funding for the following Clubs/people to host events for 2017. In August, the Board voted to limit support funding for clubs/individuals to 2 events per calendar year, not to exceed \$125 per club/individual which was made due to a budgeting issue. While the Board will continue to approve additional events for Clubs, the funding was voted not to exceed \$125 per Club. Of course, by this time, the events were approved and I had already requested the funding. While our policy states Regional Clubs can host 4 events per year, and individuals 2, some requests were made for additional herding and agility trials—which we never did before. These Clubs and members have worked hard to host these events on the BSCA’s behalf and have been successful. As I have worked for in the past, along with many others, I feel these events and the support of the BSCA is one of the best ways to encourage Regional Clubs to form as well as promote our Breed and our Club and I will continue to work with the Board on these issues.

**2017 EVENTS BY CLUB/INDIVIDUAL (R)-Regional \$75 (S)-Supported \$50 (H)-Herding \$75 (A)-Agility (\$75)**

Belgian Sheepdog Club of North Georgia/T. Votava was from 2016 events)	\$250	R-2/S-2 (\$125
Northwest Belgian Sheepdog Club/R. Kraft/A. Sullivan	\$350	R/S/A-3
Louisville, KY/M. Stephens deposited in 2017 Nat'l)	\$125	R/S (monies
Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Rockies/S. Ostrom	\$125	R/S
Belgian Sheepdog Club of the Blue Ridge/C. Wiles	\$75	R
Sierra Nevada Belgian Sheepdog Club/K. Lovell funded 3)	\$350	R/S/H-4 (only
Canfield, Ohio/M. Stephens held for 2019 Nat'l)	HOLDING \$50	S (monies being
Amana, IA/S. King	\$125	R/S
Potomac Valley Belgian Sheepdog Club/J. Reise	\$75	R
Springfield, MO/C. Staten	\$0	S Approval Only
Downeaster Belgain Sheepdog Club/J. Winings	<u>\$75</u>	R
<b><u>TOTAL FUNDED</u></b>	<b><u>\$1550</u></b>	

**i) BSCA Store – Cindy Herman**

There are still a few 2017 national Specialty item available for sale. See Cindy Herman if you are interested.

Would the members be interested in a club T-shirt or other items to be sold through the store? The store could raise money for specialties or other expenses.

**j) Constitution**

**k) Breeders Education – Kathy Champine – No Report**

**l) General Education - Sherry Hanley**

I'm happy to report that once again we had a year of success with our Meet the Breeds.

In February the Westminster Kennel Club of New York was attended by Mary Grace & Emily Buckwalter along with myself. It's the largest Meet the Breed and is attended by thousands of people.

Kudos to Eileen Indarato and her group of volunteers for hosting another huge event held at the Championship Show in Florida. This was Eileen's first time creating the booth and did a fantastic job. They were awarded a Third place rosette and extend our congratulations for a job well done.

The Meet the Breeds is very important in providing educational materials and most important educating people about our wonderful breed.

We're very proud of the work we put into these presentations and this makes two years in a row that the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America was well represented and awarded Rosettes for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in New York and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Florida.

In August three Belgians were named as Therapy Dog Ambassadors at the National Dog Show in Philadelphia. They were honored for the work and education they provide at Ronald McDonald Camp. Emily Buckwalter and Soda attended a press conference and were later joined by Mary Grace Buckwalter with Max and myself with Jury at a Gala celebration.

**m) Judges Education – Linda Robey**

The Judges Education Committee consists of: Chair, Linda Robey, committee members Marcy Spalding, Peri Norman, Jill Miller and Sandy Shaw.

**Judges Education Seminars:**

April 24, 2017 - Lisa Leffingwell presented The Belgian Sheepdog seminar at the National Specialty in Wilmington, OH. Judges in attendance: Deborah Brooks, Victoria Cushman, Neil McDevitt, Lisa Kingsley and Cindy Fellows. Think of these judges if you are planning sweeps in the future.

Dec. 15, 2017 - AKC Herding & Working Institute, Orlando, Fl. Linda Robey presented The Belgian Sheepdog seminar given along with a hands-on workshop. These volunteers brought dogs for the hands-on workshop. Melinda Andric, Sherri Swabb, Alexis Hopkins, Eileen Indorato, Christine Everhart Staten. I hope I remembered everyone. Lisa Goddard and Gillian Irving were standing by if I needed more volunteers. Judges attending: Carolyn Alexander, Kurt Anderson, Donna Beckman, Mary Benedict, Richard Berger, Ronda Bermke, Rita Biddle, Bryna Comsky, Robert Eisele, Pat Enright, James Fankhauser, Krista Hansen, Audrey Lycan, Mona Shaw, Sharon

Smith, Zell VonPohlman, Sandra Walker, Jan Sigler, Marion Ward, Debra Tessmann, and Van Leaven.

**Mentoring:**

Dec 1, 2017 – Yuma KC. Peri Norman mentored Laurie Youmans, David & Carolyn Alexander and Kathryn Cowsert.

Dec 2017 – Orlando Fl cluster. Sandy Shaw did ringside mentoring for Zell VonPohlman

Jan 2018 - Rose City Cluster. Vicki Sandage was wanting some judges' education in conjunction with the shows. Penny King volunteered to mentor her at the shows.

Jan 21, 2018 - Oakland County KC. Karen Hodges did some ringside mentoring with Krista Hanson.

**Planned education events:**

April 13, 2018 in conjunction with the 3 National Specialties – we are presenting the comparison seminar. Sharon Redmer, Linda Friedow and myself have been working to expand and update the comparison seminar. Together we will be doing the presentation. Each club will do a hands-on workshop that is breed specific.

JEC members and BSCA-approved mentors continue to provide ringside mentoring at the National and selected Regional specialties. We continue to work with prospective judges on a one-on-one basis as requested.

**Outside Communications:**

July 2017 – The AKC sent a request for a Designated Liaison for the club. They would be used to answer any breed questions for the media and any breed specific questions the AKC might have. Linda Robey has been identified as the Designated Liaison.

**Illustrated Standard:** Linda Robey has completed the new Illustrated Standard. A few of the illustrations might need to be changed in the future. But being electronic, changes can be made easily with limited expense to the club. It will be included in the hand outs for the 2018 BSCA National Specialty. It will be put on the BSCA webpage for downloading soon.

**Other activities:**

**Mentors:**

When new judges are studying the breeds they have many options for education. Ringside mentoring and tutoring are a couple of them. The person can be a parent club approved mentor but it does not have to be. The AKC has defined the requirements. The potential Judge should know the requirements when asking you to assist them!!

Here are the AKC requirements for ringside observations:

*\*Observer may observe with parent club approved mentor or individual with a minimum of 12 years' experience exhibiting or judging the breed in conformation. Observations with mentors not meeting the criteria will not be accepted. (Mentors will be permitted to participate on days they are exhibiting but should not mentor for classes which they are competing. Mentor should be available for discussion during major entry. Mentors will be asked to document their own experience on the Observation Form when they sign it.)*

Linda Robey continues to answer inquiries from the AKC and the dog magazine editors.

- n) **Finance Committee – Cindy Herman** – See Treasurer’s report
- o) **French Style Herding – Peggy Richter**

To date, we have hosted 44 trials. Locations have been in Colorado, California, Kentucky and Tennessee. Most of the events have been on the sheep, but some have been on cattle. More than 50 titles have been awarded. The program continues to operate without cost to BSCA and to provide 10.00 per entered dog for use with AKC programming at a future date. The program is self sustaining and at no cost to AKC. If implemented as a full performance event run by the breed club as proposed, a likely small income for AKC will occur as individuals pay for inclusion of obtained titles on their dog’s pedigrees.

In conversations with head of performance, Mr. Doug Lundgren, he remains unconvinced that this indicates sufficient numbers to obtain full AKC approval but that BSCA may continue with the program in it’s current status.

Recently,

[http://images.akc.org/pdf/about/board\\_minutes/1017.pdf?\\_ga=2.245586372.1379953835.1516735269-317344278.1516735269](http://images.akc.org/pdf/about/board_minutes/1017.pdf?_ga=2.245586372.1379953835.1516735269-317344278.1516735269) Oct 9-10, 2017) AKC board approved Parent Club

Performance Event – Recognizing Drafting Titles for Leonbergers The Board VOTED to approve a request from The Leonberger Club of America to permit Leonbergers earning titles in the club’s Draft Program to be eligible for drafting title recognition. – this program operates on the same principle as the FSC herding is being proposed. It is unlikely that more events / titling dogs will occur under the Leonberger program than under the FSC. (this has the current list of breed specific AKC approved performance events.

[http://images.akc.org/pdf/AKC\\_Recognized\\_PE\\_Parent\\_Club\\_Titles.12.2017.pdf](http://images.akc.org/pdf/AKC_Recognized_PE_Parent_Club_Titles.12.2017.pdf) ) Moreover, since BSCA is undertaking to continue the FSC on a “no cost to AKC” principle, with those obtaining titles paying (as with the Master’s herding certificate program) for inclusion of the title on pedigrees, it actually would be at no cost or a minor income for AKC. It is suggested that the BSCA continue the program indefinitely and that upon obtaining 50 events, the chair for the BSCA French Style Course program be authorized to directly contact Dennis B. Sprung President and Chief Executive Officer and Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, clb@akc.org - Delegate, German Shepherd Dog Club of America regarding obtaining the full approval. It is suggested that Mr. Battaglia be contacted first as he is the only herding breed member of the AKC board.

We anticipate that the French Style Course will continue to grow. Discussions have been held with those with Malinois, Tervuren and Lakenois about their respective clubs also adopting this program for their own club. It should be noted that during the most recent AKC herding seminar (held Jan 2018), the AKC herding representative, Alison Ruhe, stated that the existing AKC program (including the new D course) is a generic program and does not address specific breed concerns or characteristics.

Recommendations: To date, the program is running well. There is ONE minor change to the rules that is suggested. The current regulations, taken from the original French program, require a dog to jump into the sheep fold to have full points for the “take”. Because most US

pens are wire and higher than the standard pens used in France, it is not felt that this should be a requirement.

**p) Messenger Dog – Annabelle Cambier**

At the time of this Annual Meeting, I am likely still on the field evaluating the Messenger Event at the 2018 National Specialty with committee members Jean-Luc Cambier, Nikki Puccini and Nan Sanders. In that case, since this may be read at an anticipated long meeting, I will keep this brief.

For those who don't know, the Messenger Dog Event is an educational event established by the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America to create awareness of the Belgian's role as a messenger, and ambulance dog during the early part of the 20th Century. At this event, the Messenger Dog Committee shares historical research while handlers and dogs are welcome to participate in a brief obedience exercise with a short message relay held inside a fenced ring.

First, the committee wishes to thank Marcy Spaulding for her gift in support of the Messenger Dogs. Her generosity enabled us to buy the dog tags and ribbon collars for all the competitors this year. This week, if all goes as planned, I will have met with Diane Saltzman at the American Kennel Club's Museum of the Dog here in Missouri. I look forward to discussing our BSCA Messenger Dog program with her. In keeping with our commitment to researching and sharing historical documentation of the Belgian Sheepdog's role as Messenger and Ambulance Dogs, I will print materials for her to add to the museum's collection. These will include copies of Taki's story as originally published by the AKC, and copies of photos and stories of other Messenger and Ambulance Dogs.

**q) Health Committee**

I took over the job of health chair in 2017. I hope that members have found the posts on Belg-I, BSCAtalk and on the health and genetic problems of Belgian Shepherds facebook site (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/265223196821288/>)

While I was unable to access the CHIC report to show only those dogs who obtained or updated their CHIC in 2017, I was able to access the full CHIC report (open access, it's here <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/results.html?sort=1#results> ) which shows 1242 Belgian Sheepdogs have obtained CHIC certifications – we can do a bit better than that, I think. Cardiac has made the news—11 dogs were tested for ADVANCED CARDIAC. All tested normal. 127 dogs were tested for the standard Cardiac test, 99.2% were found normal, 0.8% were Equivocal.

DEGENERATIVE MYELOPATHY 14 dogs were tested. And of these 14.3% had abnormal findings, 21.4% determined carriers. There is a DNA test available for this available from multiple sources, including OFA. <http://www.caninegeneticdiseases.net/dm/testDM.htm> It is a recessive genetic disorder

THYROID – 335 dogs evaluated, 85.1% were normal and 14.3% were equivocal. Testing more dogs might be of use to determine if the equivocal dogs are / aren't at risk. OFA suggests testing annually until a dog is 4. However, testing at maturity (after 2 years) and a second time post 4



years would appear sufficient given OFA's view that the majority of dogs with this will develop it by 4-5 years of age.

The following tests had too few dogs to indicate if they are/ aren't useful in breeding: BAER test, dentition –88.9% of the dogs tested were normal. Most dogs used in breeding have had their "bite" evaluated and while less than perfect bite or teeth is not to be ignored, it is not generally a health issue, nor does it affect the majority of performance tasks a Belgian is likely to engage in.

ELBOW –2,111 evaluations done, 94.4% of the dogs are normal. HIPS --4,357 evaluations done, 96.8% normal. I recommend we continue with this "as is".

Champions of Health: For Reference, BSCA has the following criteria: Nominated Belgian Sheepdogs will be evaluated by the Belgian Sheepdog Club of America's Health Committee. A nominated dog must hold at least one AKC championship title. Additional performance titles are desirable but not required. CHIC registration is highly desirable but is not required. The BSCA Health Committee will select three dogs and will forward their names and information to the BSCA Board of Directors for submission to OFA. OFA reserves the final right to select the award recipient.

I got some conflicting information on this, so any errors made were mine based on what I understood to be the case at the time. I was told we had no nominees last year. This year I'm pleased to say we had 10 applicants. The existing rules stated we would pick the best 3 for submission to OFA for them to make the choice of winner. When I went to OFA to find out how to provide the nominees, I was initially told that this had been discontinued. Nor did AKC CHIC office seem to know about the program.

As part of the finding out why, I contacted AKC canine health foundation. Eventually I was routed to Bradford Brady who is more or less in charge of the CHF. He is recent, so had to look up what the Champions of health was. I am continuing conversations with him as to future information or programs or publicity for existing programs. In late March I was contacted by Eddie Dziuk, who is an administrator at OFA. He indicated that there had been some confusion - that there were two programs of the same name. The monthly "calendar" program wherein OFA selected a dog and put it up on their website as a champion of health was discontinued. The annual program has been continued. He asked for me to send him the BSCA recommendations.

I submitted the three dogs with significant evidence of health and longevity – these were:

GCH DC Krisnas Hekate Kuymal HSAs HSBs HIBs HXBsc HXAdMsMcM HXBdM HXCsm

AKC registration number DN16091101 Date of birth 11/13 2006

Dog's owner: Peggy Richter CHIC: 55608

BSD-3617G27M-VPI HIPS GOOD

BSD-EL1338M27-VPI ELBOW NORMAL

BSD-TH211/63M-VPI THYROID Feb 22 2012 NORMAL

BSD-1743 CERF Mar 3 2012 NORMAL. TESTED: 07,08,09,12

BSD-EYE41/74M-VPI EYES Feb 9 2013 Feb 20 2013 \* 74 NORMAL

BSD-EYE41/92M-VPI EYES Jul 19 2014 Jul 30 2014 \* 92 NORMAL

BSD-EYE41/100M-VPI EYES Apr 11 2015 May 6 2015 \* 100 NORMAL

BSD-EYE41/114M-VPI EYES Jun 4 2016 Jun 15 2016 114 NORMAL  
BSD-EYE41/123M-PI EYES Mar 11 2017 Mar 23 2017 123 NORMAL

Additional test: Embark DNA for genetic disease clear.

Additional information: in addition to AKC titles shown above, holds Herding Trial CH (AHBA), WTCH (ASCA) RD, HTADIII,ge, HTDIII,ge HRDIII,ge, S, RLFIII, HTADIIc, HTDIIg, FSXsc. Offspring with multiple working titles, CHICs. Earned HX B sheep title 2017 and still actively trialing on sheep. 3rd dog any breed to earn all HX titles, first with masters HX in A, B & C. embark tests 6 offspring with CHIC, doing nosework, herding, obedience, agility (Mach2, MX, HS, CD, Mach9, ) champion tracker (CT) of 11 offspring.

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MACH7 Masterpiece's E Street Echo CDX RE MXG3 MJG3 NAP NJP XF T2B4

AKC registration number DN20234205 Date of birth: 12/19/07

Owner Karen Agacinski CHIC 72752

BSD-350806 CERF Apr 20 2011 NORMAL

BSD-3845G40F-VPI HIPS Apr 20 2011 GOOD

BSD-EL1554F40-VPI ELBOW Apr 20 2011 NORMAL

MACH7 CDX RE MXG3 MJG3 NAP NJP XF T2B4 Qual 3X for invitational. #2 in BSD in 2017. Echo jumps at 20 inch, has qualified three times for the agility invitational and was the #2 BSD in 2017.

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GCH CH Isengard's Z-Lucy Wagalicious CD BN RE MX MXJ OF DN CGC

AKC registration number DN28008501 Date of birth: 05/01/2010

Owner: Marion & Hartmut Stark CHIC 86095

BSD-3949E24F-VPI HIPS May 3 2012 EXCELLENT

BSD-EL1648F24-VPI ELBOW May 3 2012 NORMAL

BSD-TH228/27F-VPI THYROID Aug 16 2012 NORMAL

BSD-EYE18/31F-VPI EYES Dec 3 2012 NORMAL

BSD-EYE18/51F-VPI EYES Aug 4 2014 NORMAL

BSD-EYE18/81F-VPI EYES Feb 27 2017 NORMAL

In addition to her Grand championship, Lucy has obtained a CD BN RE MX MXJ OF DN CGC. 15 out of 16 of Lucy's offspring have health clearances. 2017 Lucy ranks # 2 in Breed Power 10 Agility Belgian Sheepdogs rankings in the 20" jump height in the nation.

One dog is older -- Ch Black Gold Ocean's Eleven OM UDX RE AX AXJ HT RATM FMD CGC, DN07193302 born May-14-2004. While Black Gold has his CHIC, having done eyes, hips, thyroid and eyes at 25 months, he has not done additional tests and no additional information was provided in his application.

Mr Dzuik provided OFA's method of selection of winners. --almost all dogs have their CHIC, so they do look at other factors. The number of health evaluations (as with repeating thyroid or eye exams), versatility in terms of having performance in addition to conformation. How high the dog has achieved in conformation & performance. If the dog has been bred, information on the health of the progeny. If there is additional information in a provided pedigree regarding CHIC certified dogs in the ancestry -- he mentioned that in some breeds, many generations of

CHIC are provided. OFA will NOT look for additional information. If it isn't provided, they don't look for it.

As a consequence of the misunderstanding, ALL the dogs who submitted this year will get a certificate from BSCA and will have their names in the newsletter. They are all deserving of recognition for being champions of health. Additionally, both OFA and AKC CHIC program have expressed an interest in providing seminars to future Specialties (time didn't permit one this year) if travel and availability allow. So hopefully we will do all this earlier and better next year. I did recommend to the BSCA- CHIC requirements should remain unchanged. Breeders should be rewarded for obtaining CHIC for their dogs, perhaps by a referral list similar to that used by the Terv club – being provided no charge instead of the current policy of requiring breeders to pay for listing for referrals. Given the cost of Cardiac, I do not recommend annual tests. A single test at maturity would appear, at this time, to be sufficient. While it does not appear to merit being included as a CHIC requirement, it should be listed as “additional tests you may want to consider” Degenerative Myopathy is a significant disorder. While 14 dogs is not a significant number, the indication that there are a number of carriers in those 14 is concerning. I do not recommend this being added to CHIC but as with cardiac, I suggest that DNA tests be encouraged and recommend that the board contact OFA about accepting tests done by other DNA evaluation sources so that tested dogs can be listed on the OFA site, as is done with hips/elbows.

- r) **Judges Selection Marion Heise** - 2017 was an active year in order to book judge's for 2019 & 2020 National Specialty. The results of Stage 1 2019 nominations are as follows:

Judge Name	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Total
Linda Friedow	10	4				66
Linda Robey	3	1	2	3		31
Tami Worley	5	1		1		31
Deborah Anthony	6					30
Marcy Spalding	1	1	2		2	17

A total of 45 members sent nominations for Stage 1 2019. There were five sweepstake nominations received. The results of Stage 2 balloting for 2019 are:

<b>Points</b>	<b>Conformation</b>			<b>Total</b>
	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b># of votes</b>			
<b><u>Judge Name</u></b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	
Linda Friedow	41	16	9	164
Linda Robey	22	28	12	134
Marcy Spalding	15	19	16	99
Tami Worley	20	10	10	90
Deborah Anthony	14	13	10	78

<b>Points</b>	<b>Sweepstakes</b>			<b>Total</b>
	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b># of votes</b>			
<b><u>Judge Name</u></b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	
Ann MacKay	25	9	8	101
Anita Meeks	16	10	9	77
Roxanne Chumbley	14	9	8	68
Mike Fine	13	11	5	66
Laurie Thal	5	11	8	45
Owen Deatrick	3	4	5	22

A total of 112 members participated in 2019 Stage 2 voting. Both Linda Friedow & Ann MacKay have accepted the assignments.

Due to process delays, 2019 Stage 2 and 2020 Stage 1 ballots & nominations were mailed concurrently. Hence, members were asked to submit 6 names for 2020 nomination, to account for the possibility that one of the judges would become ineligible if selected and accepted for 2019.

54 members submitted nominations for the 2020 National Specialty Conformation judge. Results for Stage 1 2020 nominations are as follows:

<b><u>Judge Name</u></b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup></u></b>	<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup></u></b>	<b><u>4<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>5<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>6<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Linda Friedow	6	2	3			1	59 – Judging 2019
Linda Robey	4	4	1	1	2		55
Edd Bivin	4	6					54
Marcy Spalding	3	1	4		1	3	44
Tamy Worley	1	2	1			1	39
William Shelton	3	1	1		1		29

Four Sweepstake judge nominations were received. Stage 2 balloting for 2020 and Stage 1 nominations for 2021 will continue in 2018.

- s) Jr. Showmanship – Samantha Niemeck – No Report**
- t) Legislative Action – No Report**
- u) Mediation and Arbitration – Cara Greger – No Report**
- v) Membership Committee Penny King**

It's been a great year with many new members joining. Our renewal period has just passed, and we lost very few members. The members we lost were mostly due to financial situation changes, a theme many dog clubs are experiencing. Our members, like our dogs, are diverse and involved, and I am proud the many accomplishments and the continued support of each and every one.

- w) Merit Achievement – Karen Hodges**

Fourteen MERIT achievement awards will be presented this year:

Registry of Merit: 1

Hall of Fame – Herding: 1

Hall of Fame – Agility: 3

Working Dog Excellent – Competition: 4

Working Dog – Competition: 4

Working Dog – Herding: 1

The Merit recipients will receive a 5 x 7 engraved frame.

All Merit forms are available on the BSCA website and also published in the BSCA newsletter.

As in the past years, Linda Brady has designed and published the Banquet booklet.

The Merit committee has worked diligently to add new AKC titles to the awards as they are added. New AKC titles have also been added to the BSCA Versatility Award

- x) National Specialty Advisory – Melinda Andric**

The Committee was pretty quiet. No questions asked from upcoming Shows.

- y) Outstanding Sportsmanship – Julia Feichter**

We had 2 nominations for Outstanding Sportsmanship this year. Eileen Indorato and Jim Reise.

Both are phenomenal people who show great sportsmanship every day within our breed and everywhere in the dog show community. Congratulations on being nominated. The membership voted on this award, and the winner is.....

- z) Performance Events – Linda Brady**

National Specialty Award additions or changes

- Versatility Award & Performance Award- Scentwork, TDU, Rally Intermediate & Rally Master were added.
- Celebration of Life Trophy - no changes this year, but starting with 2019, it will be awarded to the dog/handler that receives the highest combined score of ONE Regular Obedience Class and ONE Regular Agility class. Rally will be omitted.
- This year 127 dogs received new titles in 2017
- We had 10 dogs that received 12 different Merit Awards

- A new company was hired to do the medallions this year
- This year we have 19 Versatility entries, 10 of which are eligible for the Performance Medallions

### **Old Business**

- a) Lorra Miller – Report on AKC response to registration change request

### **New Business**

- a) Announcement of 2018/19 BOD
- President – \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1<sup>st</sup> VP – Sherry Hanley
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – \_\_\_\_\_
  - Treasurer- \_\_\_\_\_
  - Recording Secretary – Jana Behm
  - Corresponding Secretary – \_\_\_\_\_
  - Board Members – Barb Trezza, Kathay Lovell, \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Motion by Cindy Herman to have dues renewals sent to membership electronically rather than by USPS mail.
- c) Motion by Cindy Herman to have judge selection for the National Specialty to be sent to membership electronically rather than by USPS mail.
- d) Motion by Virginia Norman to have the newsletter, membership directory, and breeder directory sent to membership electronically rather than printed and sent by USPS mail.
- e) Motion by Virginia Norman to have the BOD form a committee of 3 people from the general membership and 1 board member to update to BSCA Constitution.

Genetic testing Presentation by Kathy Champine

- Motion by Kathy Champine that the BSCA support an outreach program for our members for genetic testing.
- Motion by Kathy Champine that the BSCA establish a goal of 500 samples within 6 months to establish a foundation database
- Motion by Kathy Champine to have the membership prioritize the disorders.
- Motion by Peggy Richter to change French Style Herding rule from: For sheep, the dog should be sent into the pen, ideally by jumping in. For cattle, the dog should be sent in via the gate. To: For sheep or cattle, the dog may be sent in via the gate and must precede the handler. On sheep, the handler may elect to have the dog jump in if doing so is determined to be safe for the dog and stock.

Adjournment