



2010 ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Per the SCA Constitution & By-Laws: SECTION 3 Every committee is required to submit a written summary report of its work to the Board and to the club membership at the Annual Meeting, and such reports will additionally be published to all the membership on the SCA website. A list of the current Officers, AKC Delegate, Standing and Interim Committees and the Committee Heads and members, as well as other SCA contacts, can be found on the SCA website at <http://www.samoyedclubofamerica.org/sca/about/contacts.html>

This seems as good a time as any to soundly and roundly thank all our SCA volunteers who put in untold hours of unpaid time helping keep our club running. If you have an interest in volunteering, contact the SCA President.



PRESIDENT - Jim Cheskawich

It has been a relatively peaceful year and I thank everyone on the Board and all of the committees for working together for the good of the breed and the club. As I was reminded at the AKC Parent Club Conference in Raleigh Durham in August, we do have to run these clubs as a business and adhere to the By-Laws all of the time. During the past year, we did continue to build upon and hopefully enhance a lot of SCA internal processes that have been in place for some time. Sammy University is a few steps closer. The treasury is solvent. The Bulletin is in good shape and our national specialty continues to rank among the top ten among all parent clubs.

I do worry about declining registrations for Samoyeds and performing more outreach to promote the Samoyed. Finally, and I believe most critical to the future of dog ownership and Samoyed ownership in the U.S., we have become more aware and proactive regarding the growing anti-dog and anti-breeding forces at work. I thank, especially, the Legislative Committee for spearheading the effort to keep all of us informed and urging us to do our individual part in becoming politically involved with the local, state, and national legislative issues through phone calls, letters, and meetings.

Thank you for your vote of confidence and support over the past year. I did enjoy being president and its attendant challenges. Please similarly support your new president, Bob Sencenbaugh, in the coming months.

VICE PRESIDENT - Bob Sencenbaugh

I gave a list of our members who crossed the bridge to the Bulletin for publication.

RECORDING SECRETARY - Lori Chapek-Carleton

I have truly enjoyed serving as SCA's Recording Secretary and am certain my successor, Beth Tallentire, will capably take over, though I stand ready to advise her as needed. It will assist her greatly in fulfilling her duties if everyone can provide her with necessary information and responses on time, and I thank everyone who helped keep me on track and on schedule. The monthly Board meetings and the annual mailings can be very labor intensive and very time consuming. I am truly awed by those who held this office and accomplished their duties in the days Before Computer!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY - Kathy Mackai

When asked if I would continue in this position, I decided not to continue as the Corresponding Secretary due to my current education commitments, and I am confident that Lori Chapek-Carleton is going to do a wonderful job as Corresponding Secretary for SCA.

The Board, when it realized the position that Senior members were in when the original change to the constitution was implemented, immediately went to work to change it to a workable one that would work in the way people had interpreted the original one would. That change has now been approved by AKC. We hope that those senior members that it impacted negatively will change their senior membership in the coming year to their liking.

Working with Ben Salter and Ron Manor on the website made me look good when working with members to change their Breeder Referral listing or add/delete other listings. It was only because they were so dedicated to see that things got done so quickly and they also watched for obvious changes that needed to be addressed. We are very lucky to have them.

The board decided to place an ad in Dog Fancy in April; it was a special issue that was to showcase the breeds. I set up a special e-mail address so I could follow the inquiries that I received specifically from that ad. I received ZERO. I know that several parent clubs advertise monthly in that publication, but it did not seem worth the investment for SCA.

Inquiries on finding puppies seem to come in bunches, and most of them seem like sincere people looking to add a Sammy to their family. I refer them to the Breeder Referral and to a local club if possible. It is a way for your club to help educate prospective Sammy owners and possible new members. Please check your Breeder Referral information and see if it is up to date. It is important if people are to be able to get in touch with you. Also, please reply to people when they contact you, even if you have no puppies available. I have had people say that they have contacted people on the list and they haven't heard back. I ask them to let me know how their experience went, but people don't always follow through. I think this would be a great way to see how effective our information is.

I also point out the Buyers Guide and the booklet "How to Select and Purchase Your Samoyed" under Education on the website. If you haven't read these SCA publications, you should. This is what we are telling people that they should expect from our SCA members.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being the SCA Corresponding Secretary and thank the members for allowing me to serve in this position. I will miss seeing you all in Pigeon Forge and hope to see you next year in Utah.



TREASURER - Joy Ritter

(As of 9/30/2010)

Quarterly Treasurer's Reports have been published in the SCA Bulletin as required. Monthly Income and Expense reports and areas of concern have been submitted to the BOG as required. 9/30/2010 Income and Expense Reports are attached.

Due to several generous posthumous donations to the SCA, our balance sheet for 2010 is very healthy.

With one month left in the fiscal year:

Income:	\$157,169.60
Expenses (to date)	\$ 70, 423.75

Outstanding Loans to Future Nationals: \$25,000.

Cash on Hand in either checking, Money Market, CDs (both restricted and unrestricted): \$193,126.50

At Fiscal Year end, the SCA will have a substantial profit for the year. Check out the Winter Bulletin for ALL the details.

INCOME

NAME	INCOME FORECAST	NOV, 09	DEC, 09	JAN, 10	FEB, 10	MAR, 10	APRIL, 10	MAY, 10	JUN, 10	JULY, 10	AUG, 10	SEP, 10	OCT, 10	TOTAL YTD
Agility	2,500.00	\$87.50												\$87.50
Bulletin Member Ads	19,000.00		5,112.00	843.00	297.00	276.00	594.00		3246.00	1089.00	350.00	3506.00		\$15,313.00
Bulletin Non-Mbr Donated Ads	500.00													
Bulletin Other Items	350.00			40.00	30.00	10.00						20.00		\$100.00
Dues Current Members*	43,800.00	\$11,315.00	14,435.00	13,140.00	2,820.00	650.00	-25.00							\$42,335.00
Dues New Members	2,500.00			385.00		455.00			105.00	70.00			385.00	\$1,400.00
Education (Breeders)	250.00	\$545.00		4.00					4.00	80.00	55.00	10.00	500.00	\$1,198.00
Education (Judges)	350.00		94.00				12.00							\$106.00
Futurity Income	3,500.00	\$180.00	45.00	307.50	315.00	120.00	210.00	45.00	195.00	127.50	202.50	247.50		\$1,995.00
Misc:	500.00			60,000.00				24.00	25.00	7000.00	9.48			\$67,058.48
Other Income:	1,500.00													
2009 Natl Sec		\$9,175.40			15,871.82									\$25,047.22
Donations							425.88							\$425.88
Interest 1300.00		\$72.71	71.31	25.15	78.30	35.31	34.45	32.61	28.19	27.16	23.33			\$428.52
SCA Awards Checks												476.00		\$476.00
Ways & Means	5,000.00	\$260.00	30.00	65.00		30.00	20.00			60.00				\$465.00
Working Dog Program	750.00	\$45.00	305.25		45.00	30.00	158.75	30.00	15.00	15.00	75.00	15.00		\$734.00
	80,500.00													\$157,169.60

EXPENSE

NAME	ANNUAL BUDGET	ADVANCE	NOV, 09	DEC, 09	JAN, 10	FEB, 10	MAR, 10	APRIL, 10	MAY, 10	JUN, 10	JULY, 10	AUG, 10	SEP, 10	OCT, 10	BALANCE YTD
2010 National-Trophies	1,100.00														
Agility	1,750.00														
AKC Delegate	1,400.00				461.00		306.30				366.40		328.50		\$1,462.20
All Other	1,500.00			500.00		280.00	1407.00			215.00					\$2,402.00
At Your Service	8,500.00									6629.05	770.00				\$7,399.05
Awards (See note below)	1,137.19		712.67										242.00		\$954.67
Bank/Visa usage Charges	800.00		67.13	6.00	264.01	149.54	31.00	50.00	58.82	25.00	35.82	34.48	25.27		\$747.07
Breeders' Ed	1,500.00		44.90												\$44.90
Club Historian	200.00						61.22								\$61.22
Communication Service	50.00														
Corr Sec	1,000.00		173.71								5.95	27.94			\$207.60
Data Coord/Mbr Chair	861.39		111.39		69.24			199.00	328.53						\$708.16
Depreciation (Projector incl)	500.00														
Donations															
Dues/Fees/Meeting Exp	2,370.00		301.40	137.13	116.30	177.56				631.40		7.02	20.39		\$1,391.20
Editor Exp	4,000.00	500.00		25.73	212.22			78.35	377.72	52.95	135.20				\$882.17
Education (Judges & Std and Mentor Seminar)	4,100.00			100.00		295.78	779.59	238.54		419.43			217.80		\$2,051.14
Futurity Payout for 2010	3,576.54		19.13	57.41					30.85						\$107.39
Health Registries (OFA, CERF, etc.)	100.00														
Insurance	1,400.00					151.00			711.00		795.00				\$1,657.00
Jr. Scholarship	1,500.00														
Judges Selection Committee	1,500.00		741.58												\$741.58
Legislation	1,000.00														
Obedience	100.00														
President	700.00														
Bulletin Production	30,000.00		6,778.28		2082.02	9563.08	1060.10	590.43	6869.88		7711.20	286.71			\$34,941.70
Publicity/Website	400.00						16.98					314.55			\$331.53
Record Secretary	4,500.00	PAID 7/10		21.02	158.16				27.13	1798.01	1675.39	596.19			\$4,275.90
Treasurer	2,300.00		1,708.63	83.45		44.95					13.28	44.00	17.26		\$1,911.57
Vice Pres	100.00														
Ways & Means	2,750.00			1139.93			4.95	10.91			605.40		1000.60		\$2,761.79
Working Dog Cert.	200.00			13.95						404.79					\$418.74
MISC. INSERT PROD./MAILING***	0.00		4,715.17		250.00										\$4,965.17
	80,895.12														
Total Expenses YTD:															\$70,423.75
RECORDING SECRETARY			REPAID												\$0.00
OTHER ADVANCES (Loans):															
SCA2009 (SEE SCA2009 SPREADSHEET)	0.00	10,500.00	REPAID												\$0.00
SCA2010	0.00	12,000.00													\$12,000.00
SCA2011	0.00	1,750.00							8250.00						\$10,000.00
SCA2012 (Eisenhower Hotel)	0.00	1,500.00							1500.00						\$3,000.00
Awards, Futurity, Data Coordinator, Judge's Ed and Meetings, dues et al budgets were increased to offset checks written to cover lost checks															
*** - THESE ITEMS WERE VOTED ON AND APPROVED BY THE BOG IN 2009 - NO BUDGET APPROVED															

AKC DELEGATE - John Ronald

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In the last reports I have stressed that the major issues discussed in past years are the same ones as this year. As I said last year, the issues were, "the continued decline in AKC's registrations resulting in deterioration in AKC's finances and

Anti-dog legislation". These issues are still very high priorities at AKC and, as such, continue to be the subject of much of the conversation.

As predicted, the protracted decline in registrations and changes in the dog show scene have now resulted in a noticeable decline in entries at the shows. This was expected. AKC is very concerned and is trying to do something to improve participation at AKC events. First, the declining registrations have been continued for the last 15 years. It is a long term problem and cannot be corrected overnight. Most agree that efforts by parent clubs and all-breed clubs at the community level will be needed to rebuild participation in the sport.

In the meantime, AKC is considering ways to encourage those still in the sport to increase their participation. These measures, like the new Grand Champion title, are intended to help stabilize the decline. At the September Delegates meeting, several ideas were floated in an effort to attract more entries. For instance, AKC is considering 4 – 6 puppy classes which would precede regular classes and introducing an award for Reserve Best in Show, concepts that have worked successfully for decades around the world. They're talking about adding more awards at the Group level and introducing amateur/owner/ handler competition to run at the same time as the regular show, going from Best of Breed all the way through to an amateur/owner/handler Best in Show. They have also announced that they are creating a Breeder of Merit program which will feature experienced AKC breeders and provide special benefits for those who qualify. Please read my upcoming September Delegate's Report in the Bulletin for more details.

With regard to improving the registration numbers, one short term strategy AKC is trying is to convince breeders and buyers to register a higher percentage of the pups they raise. AKC's goal is to achieve 100% registration of puppies from all registered litters. Until AKC totally overhauls its litter registration process, it will require the voluntary action of individual breeders and puppy owners to achieve a 100% registration rate, which currently sits at around 40%.

By the way, these trends have hit our Samoyed breed particularly hard. As I mentioned last year in one of my reports, in the early 1990s we used to be the 30th most popular breed, registering about 9,000 Samoyeds yearly. We are now only registering about 1,000 and have fallen to the position of 71st most popular breed. This means that while AKC has experienced a decline in registrations, so have we, but at a higher rate than everyone else. I challenge SCA to tackle this issue.

The anti-dog legislation fight is ongoing. Without going into detail, last year saw some notable successes in the fight. However, this is one of those situations that, if we let down our guard for a moment, our opponents will get negative bills passed in communities. The result will then be that the local pet owners will have to work incredibly hard, at great personal and financial cost, to get these laws reversed. The message here is that it is always better to stop the law from passage than to get it removed. This takes diligence and strong lobbying. AKC has upped its efforts in recent years to work with local and AKC club contacts to mount successful efforts. I must commend Susie Black, SCA's Legislative Coordinator, for the hard work she continues to put into this cause.

Several other issues were important topics last year as well. AKC introduced their mixed breed registration program. The goal for this program was to show the world that while AKC is principally about purebred dogs, they are supporters of ALL dogs. This initiative strengthens their image especially when they try to advocate for responsible dog ownership and positive legislation. Another significant topic was the ongoing topic of term limits for AKC's Board of Directors. Once again, an effort was mounted to do away with these term limits. Not only was this latest proposal defeated, it was defeated badly. Many suspect that, as a consequence, an effort may be made next year to strengthen the current term limit provisions.

Of course, if you have any questions, give me a call. I look forward to talking with you.

STANDING COMMITTEES

AGILITY - Lisa Peterson

OCTOBER 2010

Lisa Peterson, Chair; Roberta Cutshall, Sheri Hudson (2011), Norma Pinkert (2009 w/ LP), Genevieve Deltieure (2010)

Last year, the SCA Agility Committee accomplished a goal it has held for quite awhile. Through careful management, the committee was able to use (with the approval of the Board of Governors) profits from the sale of agility themed clothing and patches to underwrite a seminar for Samoyeds only. The cost per team was less than half what it would normally

have been for a seminar of this type, and the end result was still a profit. Our thanks to all those who helped make that happen.

As this is written, entries for the inaugural "Parade of Retired Agility Dogs" are closing. This was the brain child of Genevieve Deltieure, the trial chair for this year. Open to Sams with AKC agility titles and who will not grace the agility ring again, they will have a small, low course to maneuver while a short bio is read, then will pose on the table with their award for a photo. It is our hope that this will become a part of our annual agility trial, as many of these "seniors" are no longer comfortable crossing the country to shows.,

2010 has been a year of re-examination. The agility trial this year has had some unique problems with obtaining equipment for our use. Because of the location of the national, and the fact that there are very few agility clubs nearby, the cost of the equipment was staggering. The agility community has come together to help defray the cost of the trial through donations. Our trophies this year were largely "left overs" from previous years. Next year in Salt Lake City we will debut new trophies, and are considering the use of medallions for placements – with appropriately colored ribbons.

Most Samoyed agility competitors see each other once a year – at the national. It is a tradition in the agility community that persons earning a "MACH" (agility championship) are awarded the last bar their dog cleared, and the bar is signed by those competitors in attendance at the trial. We are offering commemorative bars for those who have earned the title since the last national, and making them available for the Samoyed Agility Community to sign. This year, we celebrate the achievements of MACH Bear and Debbie Seder, MACH Tundra and Dana Thomas, and MACH Laika and Sheri Hudson.

In an effort to raise awareness of the existence of the SCA as well as its interest in agility competitors, we have continued to mail out congratulatory certificates to persons whose dogs have received an AKC agility title. The committee chair receives a spread sheet from AKC showing all Samoyed titlists in any AKC venue, their owner, breeder, and appropriate addresses. These addresses have been used to create a database of Samoyed competitors, not all of whom are members of the SCA. The database can be used to notify persons of items for sale and special events. There have been 143 new agility titles on Samoyeds since September, 2009 Persons who are not SCA members also receive information on the SCA and are encouraged to contact the committee for further information. These are sent at no cost to the SCA.

The agility committee reflects a cross section of the country, and has the chairs for the 2009, 2010 and 2011 SCA Agility Trials as members. We believe that having the three chairs on the committee facilitates co-operation between the specialty trials, which saves considerable money and effort. It also builds a relationship with other people who have met the challenge of a specialty trial, and trying to control costs.

The agility community is eagerly awaiting the 2011 National in Salt Lake City. Sheri Hudson is serving as chair, with plans for all breed trials, small seminars, as well as the traditional Sammies Only trial. Monday will have "baby" equipment and plenty of help for the encouragement of those in the Samoyed community who think that they may be interested in trying agility.

AKC JUDGES ED LIAISON - John Ronald

Nothing To Report.

AUDIT

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE 2007-2008 – Barbara Barkhaus

July 26, 2010

To the Board of Governors, Samoyed Club of America Inc.

I have reviewed the records submitted by Jim Cheskawich, Treasurer for the Samoyed Club of America Inc. for the period of November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2008. These records included bank statements, bank reconciliations, Statement of Income and Expenses as well as support for the Clubs expenses.

I examined on a test basis, the evidence supporting the amounts in the submitted records.

- Monthly bank reconciliations were prepared and were found to be correct and the ending cash balances were correctly reported on the club's financial statements.
- All checks written for more than \$600 were examined to verify that they had the required two signatures per SCA club policy. Of the 38 checks that fell into this group, only 3 did not have a second signature from someone other than the treasurer. Two of these 3 checks were supported by invoices from Sportsman Insurance and USPS.

- Random expenses were reviewed to ensure there was documentation to support the amount written on the check. There were some deviations from SCA club policy when it came to expense reimbursements. The reimbursements all had the original receipts but several of them did not include an actual request from the member summarizing the total to be reimbursed nor did they note what the expenses were for so the Treasurer totaled the receipts and prepared the reimbursement check. There were a number of reimbursements that covered several months' worth of expenses submitted together as a single request. This is a deviation from club policy which states that all claims for reimbursement must be submitted to the Treasurer within 30 days after the end of the month in which the expense was incurred. After the 30 day period the expense will not be paid by the SCA and is therefore the responsibility of the person who expended the funds.
- I was not able to detail review the revenue as there was not complete documentation available so specific transactions could not be tested. A copy of the worksheet for membership dues was obtained from the Treasurer and the total dues on the worksheet appeared reasonable when compared to the total reported on the Statement of Income and Expenses. The lists of Bulletin advertising receipts prepared by the editor were reviewed but were not updated completely for late ad payments. Based on the total that should have been collected, the advertising income also appears reasonable as reported on the Statement of Income and Expenses.
- Tax returns were prepared for the period under review.

I believe that the records referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Samoyed Club of America Inc. as of October 31, 2008.

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE 2008-2009 – Kathy Mackai

In conducting the audit of the 2008-2009 SCA records, we compared every check with the bank statement, which shows the copy of the check. We checked the files for back up invoices or relevant information to support the payment. Then we checked each deposit from the check register against the bank statement, including interest and bank charges.

We found nothing that was out of the ordinary business of the SCA. All checks written to the Treasurer were co-signed by the President, as were checks over the designated limit. Deposits were applied as received.

It is recommended that when a payment is made based on a motion, a copy of that motion is included in the payment files as back up for the payment. There were several payments in that category. It is also recommended that all SCA funds must be given to the Treasurer from committee members. There was an instance where a committee chairperson deposited the funds and paid for expenses from that amount and submitted the difference. If several committees would do this, it would make the income audit trail very difficult.

Although the reports were computed through Quickbooks, the individual transactions were done by hand on journals and with a ledger. It is recommended that the complete accounting cycle be completed on a computerized system by future treasurers. This eliminates a lot of interpretation of handwriting and will standardize reports, such as deposit summaries.

The insurance bonding brought up a question, which we asked the current President. He advised that the National Specialty treasurer is not bonded, although they actually handle more SCA money than the SCA Treasurer. I have since been in contact with the SCA Advisory Committee Chair, who advises that the National Committee Treasurer **is not even required to be an SCA Member!!!** I will work with her to prepare a motion to remedy this.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me. I was assisted in this audit by Larry Mackai.

ANNUAL AWARDS - Robin Clark

The Annual Awards have been tabulated and cross checked. Plaques have been ordered and certificates have been made. Completion of this task has made me aware of areas that can be improved to help with this process. Suggestions will be reviewed and presented at a later date.

BOB & DOLLY aWARD & AKC SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD -Heather LoProto

We have no recipient this year for the AKC's outstanding sportsmanship award.

The committee for the Bob and Dolly award has chosen a recipient and the recipient's name/kennel was given to Robin at the beginning of August to order the trophy.

Short of the presentation at the award banquet we are done. If there is anything else I can assist with just let me know

BREEDERS EDUCATION - Karen Brooks

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August 23, 2010

SCA Board of Governors and Membership,

The Breeders Education Speaker for 2009 was Myra Savant-Harris, RN on "Puppy Intensive Care". This seminar attracted 53 members with 13 being non-Samoyed owners from the local area.

The following speakers have been contacted by the BEC and have committed to speak at future national specialties.

2010 - This year's speaker will be Claudia Orlandi, Ph.D. author of the book "The ABC's of Breeding". Her book is being offered for \$25.00 with advanced orders. The goal is to take a practical, step-by-step approach to the art and science of breeding all breeds of dogs.

Also it has been approved to include AKC DNA cheek swabs to be available at a discounted rate. Those interested can contact Kathy Bube at the nationals.

2011 - Karen Overall, DVM. She is a Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Behavior (ACVB) and is certified by the Animal Behavior Society (ABS) as an Applied Animal Behaviorist. She was awarded the 1993 Randy Award for Excellence and Creativity in Research. In 2005, Dr. Overall was voted the Small Animal Speaker of the year at the North American Veterinary Conference.

2012 - Chris Zink, D.V.M., Ph.D., is a consultant on canine sports medicine, evaluating canine structure and locomotion, and designing individualized retraining and conditioning programs for canine athletes. She is the award-winning author of Peak Performance: Coaching the Canine Athlete, Dog Health and Nutrition for Dummies, and The Agility Advantage, and co-author of Jumping from A to Z: Teach Your Dog to Soar, Building the Canine Athlete: Strength, Stretching, Endurance and Body Awareness Exercises and Early Spay-Neuter Considerations for the Canine Athlete. She has obtained more than 70 obedience, agility, retrieving, tracking, and conformation titles on dogs from the sporting, herding, working, terrier, and hound groups. Dr. Zink presents Coaching the Canine Athlete® seminars worldwide to rave reviews.

As always, if you would like to share a name of a good speaker with the BEC please send us a note and they will be considered.

I would like to thank Kathy Bube, Lori Elvera & Carol Miller for serving on this committee another year and to the 2010 Specialty Chair, Robin Cline who has been a dream to work with. I appreciate all of you.

BULLETIN - Cheryl West

The SCA Bulletin continues to be a source of information to the SCA members. Three of the four issues of the Bulletin were published on time, per the deadlines set for the USPS. Due to a computer crash, the Fall 2010 is being published approximately a month later than due. The At Your Service was completed late, with more discussion on that later in this report.

There have been some changes in staff and guest columnists. People are beginning to send in Letters to the Editor, which is a positive method of feedback from the membership. Helen Newman has joined as a regular columnist with "See Sammie Run." Kay Hallerg as Regional Specialty Coordinator has taken over the responsibility of gathering and verifying the information from the regional specialties. Deborah Fiedler has stepped down from this position but will remain as Local Club Liaison and will handle the "Local Color."

The number of ads seems to have stabilized at an average of 40 ads per issue. The number of overall pages is still approximately 120. The vast majority of the ads were in black and white, rather than color.

Due to the efforts of the SCA Web committee and the Bulletin staff, the website and AYS were brought into alignment. Information on the Constitution, By-Laws and guidelines for various awards was reviewed for correctness and published in

both places. Specialty ads are published in both the Bulletin and then listed on the website. There was only one ad in the AYS, probably due to the higher cost than in the Bulletin. The other two cover pages were used for the 2010 National Specialty and for SCARF.

The At Your Service was decreased in size through reformatting of the content and revision of the forms. Also, the three covers, inside front, inside back and outside back were sold, to help offset the cost. Brenda Farrington has stepped down as AYS Editor.

Lisa Oakman and Heather LoProto have intended their willingness to join the Bulletin staff and work as Associate Editors. Along with Kay Hallberg, we will begin to work as a team on the Winter 2011 issue, due to its size and complexity with the National Specialty results.

Due to not one but two computer crashes, I purchased a new computer (at my cost) which utilizes Windows 7 / 64 bit. This meant the upgrade of several programs, particularly Photoshop CS5 and some minor programs, such as WinZip. On the plus side, the enhancements in Photoshop CS5 have greatly aided in the design of the ads.

For 2011, I am requesting reimbursement for training classes in Photoshop. The National Association of Photoshop Professionals will be hosting Photoshop World in Orlando, March 2011. This is an intense three day and into the evening event, with at least five to seven training sessions per day, vendor demonstrations of their software and hardware. Early registration is \$499. (As I am a member, this is a \$100 savings.) I do not see other additional software or hardware purchases needed.

In closing, I want to thank all of the SCA membership for their continuing support of the Bulletin.



CHIC - Cheri Hollenback

September 2010

At the face-to-face meeting in October of 2005, a motion was put forward to initiate SCA's participation in the Canine Health Information Center. The Canine Health Information Center, also known as CHIC, is a centralized canine health database jointly sponsored by the AKC/Canine Health Foundation (AKC/CHF) and the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA). The mission of CHIC is as follows:

To provide a source of health information for owners, breeders, and scientists, that will assist in breeding healthy dogs.

The Samoyed Club of America has set the Breed requirements for the CHIC program testing requirements as follows:

Eye Clearance: CERF evaluation, minimum age 1 year

Hip Dysplasia:

- OFA evaluation
- OVC evaluation

- PennHip evaluation

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Progressive Retinal Atrophy (PRA) DNA Test

- OFA evaluation from an approved laboratory

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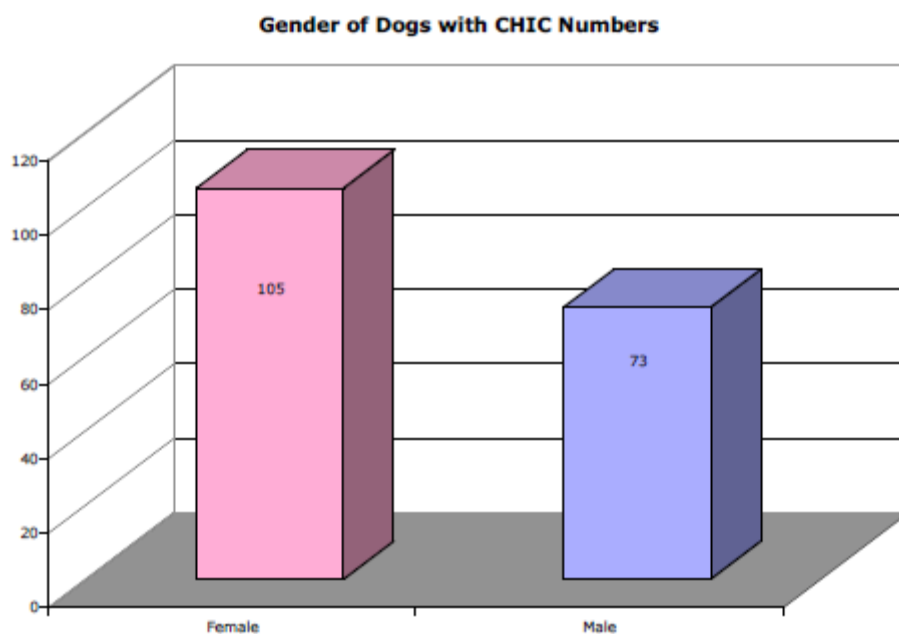
Congenital Cardiac Database

- OFA evaluation

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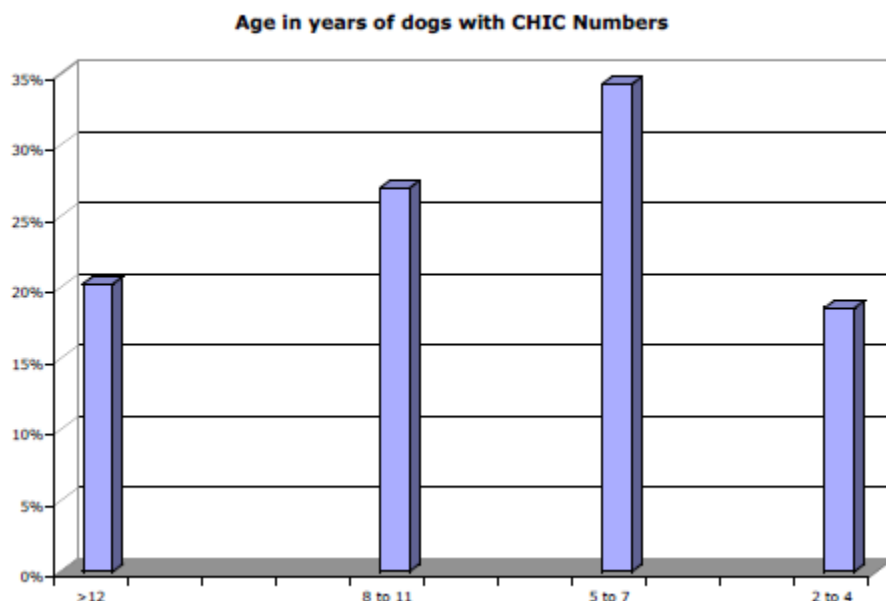
It is important for the members to be mindful of what a CHIC number represents. To quote from the CHIC website: *A CHIC number is issued when test results are entered into the database satisfying each breed specific requirement, and when the owner of the dog has opted to release the results into the public domain. The CHIC number itself does not imply normal test results, only that all the required breed specific tests were performed and the results made publicly available.* (Canine Health Information Center, 2010)

Currently, there are one hundred four (178) Samoyeds in the CHIC registry. The majority of Samoyeds participating continues to be female (59%).



DNA X-Linked PRA testing continues to be one of the more expensive components in the SCA CHIC breed-specific requirements. As would be expected for an X-linked inheritance pattern, females continue to be most frequently tested for X-Linked

Progressive Retinal Atrophy, with 105 (59%) females represented and 73 males in the CHIC registry. Unfortunately, the male offspring of bitches who have been tested clear for X-Linked PRA can no longer be identified as “cleared by parentage.”



In the total number of dogs identified as having CHIC numbers, 47% are eight years or older and presumably approaching the end of their active live breeding activity. In the 5 to seven years of age category, we see 34% of the dogs with CHIC numbers, while the remaining 19 percent are those dogs who are greater than two (the required age for Hip examination) and four years and less.

The CHIC requirements have not been changed since the Samoyed Club of America decided to participate in CHIC in 2005. OptiGen has offered the genetic test developed by Cornell University and the University of Pennsylvania for Inherited Retinal Dysplasia/OculoSkeletal Dysplasia in Labrador Retrievers and Samoyeds. The development of this additional genetic screening test presents a new option for further genetic clearances in Samoyed breeding stock, particularly those who have been diagnosed with retinal folds on ophthalmic examination. One area of consideration for the board of the Samoyed Club of America is whether to add this test as part of CHIC breed requirements.

Members have also expressed an interest in seeing Thyroid testing included as a CHIC requirement. This is another area of consideration for the SCA Board.

I would like to personally congratulate those individuals who have chosen to be leaders in documenting the health of their dogs by participation in the Samoyed CHIC program. The dedication of a number of members to screening their breeding stock demonstrates a strong commitment to the health of the Samoyed breed far into the future. I would be happy to answer members' questions about any aspects of the CHIC program. I can be reached most effectively via CascadeSamoyeds@aol.com.

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COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE - Lori Elvera

As of October 12, 2010 we have 358 members. Last year I had sent out 255 emails, this year I've sent out 188, but we still have two months left in the year.

The process for new SCA members to join the Com Serve is as follows:

- A list of approved new SCA members from our Membership Chair is received
- A note is emailed to them stating that an invite will be coming to join the SCA Com Serve
- A few days later I will "add" the new club members to the Com Serve
- Approved new com serve members are then added to the running list of com serve members

Unfortunately some members may not be aware that the list is not a "discussion forum". Any replies to a post fall into a "Black Hole". Should members wish to reply, they must reply to the author of the email, NOT the sender.

The SCA Communication Service continues to provide club related business, announcements and legal concerns. I encourage all SCA members to join the Com Serve, it's a great way to be in touch with your club!

DATA COORDINATOR - Liz Swearingen

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As always, it has been a busy year as SA Data Coordinator. With the changes in the Constitution and By-Laws, this year had some additional challenges in maintaining the database. I have added additional columns in order to support the additional fees to foreign members and lifetime members. With the new change in the Constitution and By-Laws, I will be adding the new membership category of Senior member. Based on various requests, I have amended the database so that names are available in various forms such as, last name only, first name/last name, last name/ first name, etc. I have also added a column for Region so that members may be sorted by region for purposes of legislation or special mailings.

The trend for decrease in membership continued last year. As you all know, some of the loss this past year can be attributed to the additional fees that were added to various members based on address or type of membership. Below are the membership counts as of September 1st of the past 4 years, including 2010.

Membership counts as of September 1st of the last four years are shown below.

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Family Memberships	425 (850 Members)	398 (796 members)	402 (804 members)	376 (752 members)
Individual Memberships	685	685	657	635
Junior Associate Memberships	19	23	18	16
Lifetime Memberships	87 (18 Family & 70 Individual = 106 Members)	103 (24 Family & 79 individual = 127 Members)	107 (28 family & 79 individual)	79 (27 family & 52 individual)
Honorary Memberships	2	1	1	1
Newsletter Memberships	4	4	5	3
Total Memberships	1222	1214	1200	1110

I again encourage each member to keep me up to date on changes in your address, including telephone number and email. Any changes can be sent to me and I will assure that they are forwarded to the appropriate individuals when necessary.

As a reminder, please remember that dues notices will be coming out November 1, 2010 and dues is due by January 1, 2011. Your dues payment ALONG WITH YOUR DATA SHEET INDICATING ANY CHANGES should be returned to the SCA Treasurer, as shown on the invoice. The notice is different this year and I would appreciate knowing if it is clearer to you and if you prefer this format or not.

Some of you have noticed that the Kennel name data base is now available through a form on the Web Page. You may complete a form which allows you to request information from the database either by beginning letter, or word in a kennel name, or a copy of the entire list. You may also request the use of a kennel name through this form. It is a small step toward automation but a significant one for my workload.

We plan on continuing looking at automating the database so that each member can access their own record and update specific fields. At some point we are hoping that this function will become available in a members only section of the SCA website.

EDUCATION - Wanda Krauss

Hooray!!! The Samoyed University is finally under construction. Ben Salter has come back from his accident and is implementing some of our first projects. We have finally gotten past the changes in webmasters, old hardware, budget restrictions, security problems, memory and digital storage size, service providers, and software capabilities that have plagued this project for the last four years. I was ready to quit the whole program till Ben started working on it. Slowly, I saw some progress and now we can get moving again. In addition, the Breeder's and Judges' Education committees have performed well and the SCA website is truly charming now, and very easy to use, so the public is getting access to a lot of useful information.

Samoyed University - Public Education

With the construction of the Samoyed University Library on the SCA Website it is now time to ask for volunteers both to be a guiding group on policy, and to ask for and process historical materials: written, pictures, videos, books, and pamphlets from the past. What should we offer online and what should we offer on DVD's? How should we make them and what should we charge for them? Betty McHugh gave a lecture on structure and movement several years ago which we have preserved on tape and converted to DVD. I would still like to offer old videos of classes from past national specialties to show the old famous dogs in our pedigrees, both showing and moving. We were reluctant to request that people part with these valuable historical items until we could guarantee their safety and provide a place for display and distribution to the public.

Courses on various aspects of Samoyeds still need to be developed. Jim Cheskawich developed a test on Samoyed history several years ago, based on books which may now be out of print. We need to have someone to receive tests, grade them, send out certificates, and keep records. We need to find other people interested in developing courses. Marion T. McNeil several years ago offered to develop a course on canine genetics with specific application to Samoyeds. Gerald Bell gave a lecture eight years ago on practical genetics for Samoyed breeders emphasizing pedigree analysis and health concerns specific to Samoyeds. Health concerns for puppies and adults as well as current vaccine effectiveness are of vital concern to Sammy owners. We will start by setting up links to other websites where possible, but much of that can be done by SCA library volunteers. We also need someone interested and knowledgeable about copyrights to get permission, where necessary, to put contributed things on the university website. I have had some lovely offers of materials over the last four years and will look forward to receiving more offers, now that we have a secure place at SCA to put them.

Judges Education

Since the last Nationals, eight seminars were given by SCA members: Sakura Moses, Dave Richardson, Audrey Lycan, Diane Lindstrom, Tom Delaney, Lia Benson, Lynette Blue, and Jeanne Nonhof. The locations varied around the country, and the lecturing members were assisted by other members who brought dogs for hands-on and gave out CD's of the breed standard and history. A seminar will also be given at this year's national, but at last report will not be very well attended. I suspect many judges feel that since the Samoyed has dropped substantially in popularity, as indicated by AKC registrations, they are no longer making a special effort to attend a distant location for our breed alone. Hopefully this is simply a temporary downturn.

Breeders' Education

The major effort of this committee continues to be providing educational seminars for breeders at the national specialties and distributing educational materials. Last year's speaker was Myra Savant-Harris, RN. She spoke on "Puppy Intensive Care" to 53 paying attendees. This year the speaker will be Claudia Orlandi on "The ABC's of Breeding". Next year the speaker will be Karen Overall, DVM who will speak on animal behaviorism. In 2012, Chris Zink will speak on structure, performance, and conditioning for canine athletes. These seminars are very important to continue at nationals, since it is one of the few places where breed specific emphasis can be made to the audience. We will continue to get videotapes of the seminars whenever possible.

FOREIGN LIAISON - Hazel Fitzgibbon

As the SCA National was being held last year, so the World Samoyed Meeting was held in Slovakia. A fuller report of the event was printed in the Bulletin by one of the judges of the event, John Ronald. Despite the Nationals, there was a healthy contingent from the US, and approximately 30 other countries. Slovak hospitality was exceptional and a grand time was had by all attendees.

There have been a lot of instances of cross continent co-operation. US and Canadian dogs have gone all over the world, some on outright buys and some on loan.

I would urge puppy sellers to see in person where their stock is going; I do know of instances of what look like reputable Kennel names actually turning out to be little more than dealers.

Many 'foreign' judges have been contracted by other countries, sometimes with mixed results. It is worth noting that judges should always judge to the Standard of the host country; this is not necessarily identical to the Standard they are used to. Also every host country asks judges to abide by their rules and regulations; again, these are not identical from registry to registry.

Health-wise, we seem to be at a standstill at the moment. Many of us are waiting for the 'magic bullet' that will enable us to check for predisposition to diabetes and auto-immune problems.

The Samoyed Breed Council in the UK are happy to invite the Samoyed World to Stafford Showground, Birmingham for 30th August to September 2nd 2012, where there will be two Championship dogs shows together with the social events where new friendships are made and old friendships renewed. Please check out the website;
<http://www.samoyedbreedcouncil.co.uk/index.php?name=WSM>

On a personal note, this year I have been honoured to judge at Club specialties in Estonia and Belgium. The hospitality was stupendous in both countries. In Estonia in particular, exhibitors had travelled from over the water in Finland and crossing countries, from Russia. It was great to see dogs from all these countries!

I regret not being at the Nationals this year; personal circumstances prevent me. But I hope to catch up with everybody at Salt Lake City next year!

My best wishes to you all; have a great Nationals!

FUTURITY SECRETARY - Darla Cassidy

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This year's nominations are up from last year. For 2009 we had a total of 64 bitch nominations with 137 puppy nominations. This year we have 76 bitch nominations with 151 puppy nominations.

You will notice that the rules in the AYS do include the new procedures for OFA and CERF certifications. You DO NOT need to send me any copies IF the dogs involved are current on their certifications and they are listed on the respective websites (OFA & CERF). Certifications must be done PRIOR to any breeding to qualify and must be current. Be sure to review the futurity rules before your next breeding to avoid any heartbreak in your litter not qualifying.

One item I would like everyone to think about is changing the rule for futurity judges in regards to when they can judge again once they have judged the futurity. Approved AKC judges have to wait 5 years until they can judge our regular classes again, but there is no rule in place for futurity judges. Futurity judges can be AKC approved judges, so what if an

AKC judge is voted in to judge futurity one year and voted in to judge regular classes the following year? Or vice versa? The 5 year rule only addresses REGULAR classes. I think we need to add futurity classes to that rule.

For any questions regarding Futurity rules, nominations etc. Please email anytime or call (at a reasonable time!).

HEALTH REGISTRIES - Ross Chapin

Nothing To Report.

HERDING - Louis Thompson

Nothing To Report.

HISTORIAN - Steve Loper

The Committee really hasn't received any new material since last summer when Steve went to visit Mable Dyer in Idaho and got several boxes of her and her husband's (deceased) Sammy memorabilia. The same Bulletins that were missing in the Feb. report are still needing to be filled.

In the age of digital, everyone should be encouraged to keep as much information as they can on CD's. The pictures, events, etc. At one time a goal of the committee was to be able to check out CD's with past History as copies could be made and originals wouldn't be ruined. (So little time).

This Committee never gets the pictures or show catalogs from National Specialties. This material should reside with the Historian, including the marked catalog and the show photographer's pictures. Are they being sent somewhere, and if so, to whom? Wasn't a motion passed to make sure this information was sent to the Historian? The Committee stopped receiving them about 1998.

We had a picture of John and Caroline Kennedy along with their mother Jackie hugging Sammy puppies in the snow, published to the OWS list. They were on a ski vacation in Idaho and the picture belonged to the father of one of our club members. We were asking (historically) who might know who the handler could be or who the puppies might of been bred by? It was bandied about for some time, but no definitive answer was concluded. We'd like to create an electronic "forum" to be able to post pictures/articles, ask questions, to tally the interest from SCA Membership and reach the majority of our membership.

HISTORICAL VIDEO - Steve Loper

Nothing To Report.

INDEPENDENT CLUB LIAISON - Deb Fiedler

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The Independent Club Liaison serves as the link between local Samoyed clubs and the SCA. Duties include working with new clubs as they form and seek AKC approval, as well as compilation of the Local Color report for the SCA Bulletin.

This has been another positive year for our local clubs. The liaison crew continues to do an overall great job with their Local Color reports, though I would love to see more consistent participation from a few clubs. Any clubs without liaisons, including those clubs that have not yet been approved by AKC, are encouraged to appoint one so they can be included in the quarterly column in the Bulletin and the At Your Service.

Thanks go to the crew who have helped keep us all entertained with accounts of their clubs' activities this past year, including: Neal Henderson, Lynda Tusoni, Coleen Baer, Janice Schuler, Danielle Lewis, Sandy Phifer, Micheal Prewitt, Jeanne Nonhof, Beth Tallentire, Lynn Scheffner, Velvet Simmons, Jean Clough, Clu Carradine, Claudia Khan, Dave Richardson, Donna Sharik, Frances Trojan, Susan Wade, Laura Wolfe, C. Reed Lewis, Pam Hofmann, Peggy Green, Brenda Farrington, Susan Whitecotton, Cathy Hays, Teresa Brown, Karyn Kramer, Marta DeMerath, Celinda Cheskawich, Jim Cheskawich.

The new Coastal Blue Ridge club started reporting in the Bulletin this past year. There are several other new clubs still

working on the formation process. I look forward to contributions from some of the other nascent clubs, such as those in Iowa, Nevada, etc. All clubs should keep the ICL informed if their liaison changes.

JUDGES EDUCATION - Audrey Lycan

This was a very busy, productive year for Judges Education. Listed below are the Approved Seminars that were given by committee members and other approved mentors.

1/16 Sakura Moses – 18 Washington State
 2/23 David Richardson – 17 Maryland
 3/06 Audrey Lycan – 15 South Carolina
 3/03 Diane Landstrom – 18 Arizona
 3/20 Tom Delaney – 21 New York
 5/? Lia Benson – 17 Southern California
 5/29 Jeanne Nonhof - 3 Pennsylvania
 Lynette Blue also did a Seminar but do not have all the statistics. Oregon

I have also only listed the person in charge of giving the Seminar but many had other approved mentors assisting. Also many of our club members drove long distances to bring dogs for the attendees to go over.

The CD of the Breed Standard and History of the breed along with the hand-outs approved by the board, were well received.

I feel that the approved mentors and the committee are doing a great job in representing the Samoyed Club of America and showing the passion we all have for our wonderful breed.

We stayed within our budget with many members contributing many hours and expense.

JUDGES ELECTION COMMITTEE - Darlene Rautio, Chief Teller

On Saturday, August 7, 2010, the Judges' Teller Committee consisting of Barbara Campbell, Cindy Hopkins, Tamiko Lynch, and Darlene Rautio met to count the ballots for the 2012 SCA National Specialty.

Total Family Membership Ballots Received: 296 (148 Family Membership envelopes received)

Total Individual Ballots Received: 273

Total Membership ballots received: 569

Total Invalid Ballots received: 32

1 invalid ballot received after the due date (received Aug.5)

9 invalid ballots containing the ballot for the By-Laws vote

1 invalid ballot containing the announcement of the results of the nominating committee

6 invalid ballots with more than 1 judge selected

3 invalid ballots with no choice selected

10 invalid ballots received not in the ballot envelope, only outer envelope

2 invalid ballots as an "individual" member returned 2 ballot envelopes. Our membership list showed this person as an "individual" membership. We double-checked by placing a phone call to the data coordinator who confirmed this person was indeed an 'individual' membership.

Total Valid Ballots received: 537

Valid votes received in order from most votes to least votes with number of votes following name. If there was a voting tie, the names are listed alphabetically:

Cheri Hollenback (39)

Edd Bivin (37)

Dody Froehlich (31)

Larry Mackai (29)

Karen McFarlane (29)

Darla Cassidy (28)

William Shelton (28)
 Jeanne Nonhof (27)
 John Studebaker (26)
 Barbara Dempsey Alderman (25)
 Angela Porpora (24)
 John Ronald (23)
 Janet Cherne (22)
 Dana Cline (22)
 Jon Cole (21)
 Judith Goodin (21)
 Gail Spieker (20)
 Patricia Hastings (19)
 Nancy Liebes (15)
 Betty Cline (14)
 Albert Holabach (12)
 Jeanne Zuver (9)
 Ronald Spritzer (9)
 Linda Robey (7)

JR. ASSOCIATE COORDINATOR & JR. HANDLER SCHOLARSHIP - Elizabeth Wells

We are pleased to announce that we will be awarding the SCA college scholarship to a very deserving former junior member. While there was only one application for the scholarship this year, the applicant is a fine example of the young members that are coming up and who will be the future stewards of our breed. The applicant's essay and photo will be published in the issue of the SCA Bulletin, so please take time to read it and send a note of congratulations to the winner.

All junior members of SCA have been sent an invitation to a pizza party which will be held Friday evening during the national. In addition, all young people who are in attendance at the national but who are not members will be given an invitation shortly after arrival. A computer jeopardy game has been created which includes questions on all aspects of dogs and dog sports as well as questions specific to Samoyeds. Those attending the pizza party will get to try out the game and will get a copy of it to take home. In addition, youth who are within the eligible age for junior membership will be given an application to join the SCA as junior members.

LEGAL ADVISOR - Sandra Dukes

Not much to report unless we get the Pendleton check. We've really been lucky to be the beneficiaries of the 2 Estates this year.

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON - Suzie Black

October, 2010

I feel like I could just re-write last year's report, but of course the Animal Rights Agenda has marched forward, so I'll try to outline how the laws are changing--as they reflect HSUS's new approaches, as well as some positive points on the year.

Please remember to see SOAVA.ORG for state updates.

My main point is that the people behind this agenda do not care if it takes 50 years to accomplish the end of the animal/human bond. They are never going to stop.

Continued Overcriminalization – Laws in 2010

One of the most insidious aspects of the laws is what can be termed as "Overcriminalization." This refers to:

1. Federalizing crime that properly belongs under state and local jurisdiction;

2. Imposing criminal penalties upon persons who acted without criminal intent;
3. Applying criminal sanctions to conduct that historically has not been considered wrongful.

Here are some examples from laws this year:

- 1) Using spay neuter for 'punishment.' California's SB250 was defeated finally, but encompassed the idea that breaking any ordinance required spay neuter of ALL your animals and
- 2) Never being able to own an intact dog again. We're starting to see this more, particularly in the hoarding arena, which is very popular with AR's now. A judge actually used this in a case that did NOT include an animal cruelty offense.
- 3) Intact fees up to 5 times the 'sterilized' fee.
- 4) Definition of 'commercial' kennels being numbers of dogs, and allowing a limit of 20 or 50. Simply put, it doesn't matter if you have one employee per dog....the number is limited. This is not about "cruelty" issues, but designed to eliminate anyone who has a professional kennel. (PUPS targets hobby breeders, others target rescue...every type of breeder will be targeted at different times. They intend to eliminate breeding, eventually.)
- 5) Establishment of 'Animal Expert' or control committees that include HSUS or animal rights members to 'council' lawmakers or take the place of courts for punishments. Court budgets are being cut, but this form is extremely expensive for cities. It also puts us in the hands of Animal Rights radicals.
- 6) National initiatives, the most notable being Prop B in Missouri. This is supposedly for eliminating 'puppy mills.' It won't affect them; it will affect hobby breeders. AR's are employing people from outside the state of Missouri to help get the numbers of signatures needed to get these things launched. As in the case of the egg producers in California, these are devastating. The egg industry in California will be too expensive to continue, forcing offshore production. This is part of a larger plan to end all animal agriculture. It's tragic because as we educate people, they find they cannot get their names off these petitions, and the amazing amount of cash behind them is hard for us to combat. HSUS is winning with these, so we'll see more next year.
- 7) Making breeders responsible for every test available and/or every possible genetic problem a dog may ever have.
- 8) Numerous breeder bills: MN's was defeated. IA's slipped through with shady circumstances and now over 3 intact dogs is a commercial kennel and your DOGS CAN BE CONFISCATED. WI's passed, AB793/SB580, an extremely restrictive bill which kicks in at 3 litters or 25 puppies. These bills will influence the number of purebreds available through hobby breeders in these states.
- 9) As usual, of particular concern is the leverage to make owners facing a charge come up with cash to keep their animals in care until their case comes up...and if not, in '5' days or something similar, they are considered confiscated and sold in shelters. Even if you are innocent, your dogs are gone.
- 10) Regular number of spay neuter bills, as well as breed specific legislation. These we fight quite well.
- 11) Animal 'abuser' registries.
- 12) Breeding restrictions. NC SB480 says no animal can be bred under 18 months of age or over 8 years. (That was taken out eventually, and while you may agree with it in a code of ethics, should it be LAW?)
- 13) Ownership of 3 animals 'for sale or profit' as a definition of a 'puppy mill.' (NY)
- 14) Kennel license requirement for a single intact dog, bonding, insurance, limits of one litter per year, unreasonable kennel requirements. (OH)
- 15) Depriving an animal of food, water or shelter is a felony. (OH)
- 16) Myriad anti tethering laws, such as a limit of one hour per day.
- 17) Defines abandonment as leaving an animal with another person without making 'proper' arrangements. (WI)
- 18) Tort action. Up to \$25,000 for emotional distress involves in abuse of animal case. (HI)

Federal Legislation: PUPS

July saw the introduction of national anti-breeder legislation. Ownership of one 4 month old bitch and by ownership or co ownership, the breeding or sale of 50 puppies in a year, makes you a commercial kennel.

PUPS IS DIRECTLY TARGETED TO TAKE OUT AKC PUREBRED BREEDERS.

ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT ONCE THE BILL IS PASSED THEY RACHET THE NUMBERS DOWN. I actually don't notice the actual number anymore; I look at the intent of the bill, knowing it will come down to affect one or two eventually. What is the EFFECT of the law? The numbers are red herrings that distract. Don't let them.

Commercial requirements present a huge issue: Most homes simply cannot meet those requirements. Ever. Can you take a 185 degree steam cleaner to your floors? These requirements involve circulating air a certain number of times per hour, cement floors with floor drains, indoor / outdoor kennel requirements.

In fighting legislation it is important to continually try to get back to CRUELTY as the issue, not the width of the fencing material, or if the dog food container is secure.

As PUPS showed up I was part of a national group that looked into what we can do for short term and long term strategies. We need far more support from the dog community than we have.

What good things happened?

www.humanewatch.org put out several full page ads against HSUS and became quite a force on Facebook. Check them out, for they went through many files and tax returns and can say definitively that HSUS spends less than a penny on the dollar you give for actual animal care. They have tons of good information in any fight against HSUS!

Several states are proposing laws to protect their rights to hunt. Please support them.

SPAY NEUTER THE HSUS - IRS. A campaign was launched where 6000 letters asked the IRS to look into HSUS violation of their 501 (3) (c) status, and audit them, launched by Fred Losey. The IRS doesn't tell us who they investigate, but we're hopeful. Nine members of Congress from 7 states supported this effort.

AKC Breeder of Merit Program. After a devastating year of registrations, AKC is putting together a program to finally define good hobby breeders from 'also ran' breeders.

To qualify:

- Do health screenings.
- Have membership in an AKC club.
- Have a history of 5 years in AKC events.
- Title 4 dogs (co owned or owned)
- Register 100% of puppies with AKC.

Many breeds are heading into a bottleneck that may face virtually extinction in 20 years. The more registered and intact animals we have the better. Word is that last year's registrations were 40% of their 1990's peak.

At this point I wish to emphasize that we need to support AKC in every way we can now. They are our flagship. No one can realistically replace AKC. If they go under, so do purebred dogs in a shorter period of time than many of us would like to imagine. Oh, and the dog shows would be gone, except for UKC, etc.

AKC has gotten stronger in fighting legislation, and we need them. No one else can do what they can do. Please remember that as you support their new program. We need them to survive as a business.

What still remains to be done:

Keep reminding people that shelters deal with animals often from irresponsible owners, NOT from excessive breeding.

Build coalitions of hunters, farmers, dog people, etc. As someone said, paint an American Flag over this issue for it affects all of us!

As I've said, this situation now requires the attention of the entire Samoyed community. It really should be the #1 issue before the BOG as we work together with leadership to organize to save our dogs. I've tracked some effective letter writing on issues; some single states have generated 40,000 letters on a single situation. (That was about a casino.) So why can't pet owners get pro-pet legislation passed? We need to WRITE!

I do not mean to be negative, but recall that this is a fight for our right to have animals in our lives, and if we do little, our grandchildren may not ever be able to hold a Samoyed puppy. Write a few letters this year for the future generation—of people AND dogs.

In summary, these laws are meant to have government:

1. oversee through laws and control what you do.
2. trying to control how many animals you have.
3. trying to control how many breedings you do.
4. work to the level of NO dogs on the belief that any breeding of dog's contribute to 'overpopulation.'

Only our ability to stay educated and informed and make this a real American issue will save purebred dogs in the end.

MEMBERSHIP - Mark & Tasha Libby

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Oct. 4, 2010

We have now served as SCA Membership Chairs for our third and final year. We have heard from and met some wonderful new members. The future Membership Chairperson has our best wishes and full support!

Since the Fall 2009 Bulletin, a total of 50 new applicants have been approved to membership and 6 have converted to Lifetime Membership. There are currently 14 applications pending approval after being published in the Fall 2009 Bulletin. The breakdown for the past year is as follows:

	<u>Family</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Lifetime</u>	<u>Newsletter</u>
Fall 2009	10	9	2	0	0
Winter 2010	7	4	1	4	0
Spring 2010	4	8	0	0	1
Summer 2010	3	1	0	2	0

Thank-you for allowing us to serve the SCA.

NATIONAL SPECIALTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE- Sheila Herrmann

Sheila Herrmann-Chairman; Pam Barbe, Debbie Sencenbaugh, Gina Serra, Liz Swearingen, Robin Cline Ex-officio

We are very happy to report that the entire process of finding a site, negotiating a contract, budgeting, and submitting a bid has been written, tweaked, double tweaked, formatted, discussed, and fine tuned by the committee, and forwarded to the Board of Governors for final approval hopefully to be voted on at the 2010 Face to Face annual board meeting. This has been in the works for some time now and the unofficial version has been used for a trial run on several years of bids. This has enabled the committee to listen to questions and add the information that needed to be addressed. The result is a very complete and informative document addressing the questions and concerns of those wanting to bid on hosting a National Specialty. This will finalize yet another portion of the National Specialty guidelines and allow the committee to move on to complete the next portion.

We are also thrilled to say that this year three, yes I said three, bids to host the National Specialty for 2013 were submitted to the BOG for a vote. This is probably the first time ever the board has had to make a decision from 3 potential locations. What a wonderful problem to have. All Chairs involved in those bids requested a copy of the guidelines. So it is working.

If you think you might want to someday chair The Samoyed Club of America National Specialty contact one or all of the committee members listed above and find yourself a mentor. The next bid will be due on June 15, 2011. It will be for Region 3 the Midwest: Kansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South

Dakota, or Wisconsin.

We look forward to assisting you in answering any questions that you may have.

OBEDIENCE - Debbie Hedges

The Akc has added another Obedience Title that fellow Samoyed exhibitors can attain. It is called Beginning Novice, and it is kind of a cross between Rally Obedience. The Obedience Committee is discussing whether this title should be included as an Obedience or Rally Title. It needs to be added in the list of titles for either Top Rally or Top Obedience Samoyed. Our committee also needs to make sure this title is listed so that it can be included for a sire or dam receiving the ROM-P title.

There are two additional Obedience titles that the AKC offers as optional titling classes. They are Graduate Novice and Graduate Open. We are trying to see how many trials actually offer these classes, to see if they should be included in the rules for Top Obedience Samoyed. At this time, not many trials are offering it, so we are trying to get a feel from the membership if they would like to see these classes added to the list for Top Obedience Samoyed. If they are added, the committee would also need to make sure they are listed as appropriate titles for the ROM-P award.

POLICY & RULES - Pam Barbe

Sunday, October 17, 2010

- ♣ The BOG Workstation has been re-indexed by the search engine to include newly added material through the end of September.
- ♣ 2010 motions and attachments are complete on the BOG Workstation through the end of September.
- ♣ Business Guide Section 1, 2 & 3 were updated to reflect motions approved so far this year and the calendar was updated with the rotation schedules for nationals, nominating committee chairpersons and tellers committees for the current year.
- ♣ The Constitution and By Laws, including the recent revision that was approved by the membership this year were formatted and uploaded to the BOG workstation and copies were given to the Bulletin Editor and SCA Webmaster.
- ♣ Alpha and numeric copies of the Ringside Mentor list were completely revised and given to the Judged Ed Chair and the Webmaster. A current copy also resides on the BOG workstation.
- ♣ This committee has assisted the ROM, Awards, Agility and Sledding committees with getting updated policies to Cheryl West and Brenda Farrington for inclusion in the 2010 AYS and a file is already started for revisions to the 2011 AYS.
- ♣ This committee works with the Website committee to keep information on the SCA current and within policy guidelines.
- ♣ This committee works with the Specialty Advisory Committee to update policies for the National Specialty.
- ♣ Moving the BOG Workstation to a password protected part of the SCA website should be accomplished by sometime next year.

PUBLICITY - Debbie Jahnke

I continued to submit quarterly articles to the AKC Gazette for coverage in the Samoyed Breed Column published in the January, April, July and October issues. In addition to the regular columns, an additional column was written and included in the AKC anniversary edition that included information on the history of the breed.

The subject matter for my articles are obtained through requests from membership and AKC judges. This year's articles included a comparison in history of quotes from breeder's and judges from early 1900's and today, a number of articles were submitted relating to breed type, one column addressed to judges and another addressed to today's breeders.

Comments and feedback received by the membership have continued to be positive and inspiring.

The budget spent for the committee was 0 - since all correspondence is done via the internet- there is no postage charges etc.

I continue to request suggestions for future articles and hope to continue to serve the club in this function.

RACING COMMITTEE - Bill Stewart

Nothing To Report.

REGIONAL SPECIALTY COORDINATOR - Kay Hallberg

Late this spring, the SCA Board created a new position of "Regional Specialty Co-ordinator" and assigned me to take on this task. With three year approvals now the norm, it was becoming increasingly difficult to know what was, and was not, approved and with more specialties being offered in more places, we must make sure that entries will not be hurt by conflicting venues. While most of this work does not affect the general SCA membership, there are a few things of wider interest to report.

I am now providing the SCA webmaster with a complete list of all regional specialties including a complete list of events, such as the accompanying all-breed dog shows. This list has all judges for the breed (including Sweepstakes) and the Working Group shown as they become available, which generally means that you will be able to see judges for the entire weekend about five months in advance. It also includes links to the show giving club and to the superintendent for the show, the location of the show and whether it is held indoors or out. This list is available at <http://samoyedclubofamerica.org/> in PDF format under the drop down menu "Specialties." Choose the option titled "Upcoming Specialties." I update this list on the first of each month, and it is uploaded to the site within the next day or two.

Starting with the Fall 2010 issue, I also took over the task of supplying Regional Specialty Results to the SCA Bulletin.

The last item of general interest is that the AKC Board has recently approved a new type of Independent Specialty. Currently there are "Designated" Specialties, which means that a licensed Specialty Club "designates" the classes at an All-Breed or Working Group show as their "Specialty" and supports it with entries and trophies and perhaps a Sweepstakes and some additional, non-regular classes such as Veterans, all with the permission of the All-Breed club. Then there are "Independent" Specialties which are held entirely separate from an All-Breed dog show, although they may be held on the same grounds on a different day. These shows stand by themselves and will also usually offer Sweepstakes and non-regular classes such as Veterans, Stud Dog and Brood Bitch. Independent Specialties can also be held in the evening after an All-Breed dog show, as is done by the Samoyed Club Of Austin in March and the Metropolitan Atlanta Samoyed Club in August. Evening Independent Specialties are limited to 50 dogs and may not offer Sweepstakes, which are usually offered in the daytime at the accommodating All-Breed show, though Evening Specialties may offer non-regular classes such as Veterans and Stud Dog and Brood Bitch (within their 50 dog limit).

On a two year trial basis, starting January 1, 2011, the AKC will allow a new type of Independent Specialty, called a "Concurrent" Specialty. These specialties will be held in the daytime, at the same location, and during the same hours as an All-Breed dog show. The Samoyed classes for the breed would still be held at the All-Breed show, and these would be scheduled first, so that the breed winner at this show would be available for the Working Group later in the day. Later, but while the All-Breed show is still going on, there would be an Independent Specialty for Samoyeds held right at the same show site. Unlike Evening Independent Specialties, Concurrent Specialties may offer Sweepstakes. The Breed winner at this Independent Specialty would not be eligible for the Working Group. Here are the specific rules:

It was voted to approve a two-year trial program, effective January 1, 2011, permitting specialties to be held concurrently with an All-Breed show with the following limitations:

1. The specialty club must obtain permission from the all-breed club in order to apply.
2. A maximum of three (3) independent specialties will be approved.
3. The specialty must be held on the same grounds as the concurrent all-breed show (i.e. the same physical address).
4. The entry on the Specialty breed(s) is limited to 100 entries in both the specialty & all-breed club events.
5. The ownership of the corresponding date must be agreed upon in writing prior to event approval.
6. The all-breed class must be held prior to the independent specialty in order to accommodate the Group judging.
7. Evening specialties will be permitted for breeds that are not holding concurrent specialties with the all-breed show.

REGISTRAR OF MERIT & VERSATILITY AWARDS - Susan Davies

The following is a summary of all ROMC, ROMP, ROMX & Versatility awards for 2010:

8 ROMC
4 ROMP
1 ROMX
1 Versatility

All awards will be presented at the Awards Dinner on Saturday, October 30th, 2010.

Congratulations to all!

SCARF - Amelia Price

It is getting towards the end of this year, and I would like to personally thank the many people who have helped Scarf and who continue to help us. I have listed below some major activities, but people help us in so many ways throughout the whole year and that includes all those who have financially supported our efforts each year. Our dogs may be very special, but so are their owners and we do appreciate the many ways in which they help us.

Face Book Page

Pam Barbe has set up SCARF with a Face book page. I hope you will join us there. While we are on the subject of communication, I would also like to invite you to send Pam or I your suggestions and ideas. The more input we get - the better for all of us.

Funded Research

Rabies Challenge Fund -SCARF has donated \$1000 to help finance the direct research costs of the multi-year rabies challenge studies in addition to the \$2000 we had already donated last fall.

Bloat Study targeting Samoyeds -It is believed that dogs inherit a predisposition for bloat, but something in their environment is the trigger for the onset of it. DNA samples from a wide range of Samoyeds are needed for this bloat research. We are requesting samples from dogs who have bloated, their immediate relatives and normal samples from dogs who have not bloated and normal samples from dogs who have relatives that have bloated. Because the inheritance of this disorder appears to be complex, we will need as many samples as possible in order to show a statistical correlation of a mutation with the disease. If you can possibly help with this study, please go the the scarf site for more details:

<http://www.samoyedhealthfoundation.org/research/current-research-studies/bloat-study>

A 20/20 Clinic for Optigen tests

You may register on line from October 25 thru Nov 10. The code for this event is: SCAX1025. This code will not be active until 10/25. For more information on how to take advantage of discounted pricing please visit:

<http://www.samoyedhealthfoundation.org/optigen-virtual-20-20-clinic>

Memorial Wall

Our New Memorial Wall is officially on line. We now have a permanent place to remember our buddies with a picture, and a place to share your thoughts about your special friend. If you have some time, please visit at:

<http://www.samoyedhealthfoundation.org/wall>

As this is a new feature of the website, please advise us, if you find any "bugs" that need attention.

E-bay Auction

Sheila Herrmann is coordinating our auction. She has received a wide variety of nifty items and many special items from our generous donors. We are hoping to run it the second or third week of November – look for our notices - you know it is going to be fun.

TELLERS COMMITTEE - Genevieve Deltieure, Chief Teller

After an evening of counting and verifying ballot counts for 8 full hours, we finally finished!

I have included the counts as an attachment. I did not count the envelopes which were invalid due to not having the original label under "invalid Ballots" as we didn't open them to see if each contained the allowed number of ballots.

BALLOT WORKSHEET

I. FAMILY MEMBER BALLOTS

of Family envelopes received: 172

of Family Ballots received: 343

Invalid Ballots:

1) Received after 9/01/2011: See below

2) More then 2 Ballots: 0

3) More then allowed # of votes: 0

4) Invalid candidate: 55 J Zuver

II. INDIVIDUAL MEMBER BALLOTS

of Individual envelopes received: 300
 # of Individual Ballots received: 300
 # Invalid Ballots:
 1) Received after 9/01/2011: 2
 2) More than 1 Ballot: 0
 3) More than allowed # of votes: 0
 4) Invalid candidate: 76 J Zuver
 5) Other _____: _____
 Total Invalid Envelopes: 8 Due to invalid labels
 III. TOTAL MEMBERSHIP BALLOTS RECEIVED: 643
 IV. TOTAL VALID MEMBERSHIP BALLOTS: 643
 V. TOTAL NUMBER INVALID MEMBERSHIP BALLOTS 13

TELLER'S COMMITTEE BALLOT RESULTS

POSITION:	TOTAL # OF VOTES RE'CD:
PRESIDENT	
1) Bob Sencenbaugh (193 + 158)	351
VICE PRESIDENT	
1) Lisa Peterson (217 + 178)	395
2) Lynette Blue (116 + 112)	228
TREASURER	
1) Joy Ritter (199 + 160)	359
CORRESPONDING SEC'T	
1) Lori Chapek-Carleton (191 + 161)	352
RECORDING SEC'T	
1) Beth Tallentire (200 + 194)	394
AKC DELEGATE	
1) John Ronald (221 + 185)	406
2) Amy Kiell-Green (96 + 92)	188
BOARD OF GOVERNORS	
1) Liz Swearingen (179 + 181)	360
2) Bob McFarlane (175 + 160)	335
3) Diane Dotson (177 + 142)	319
4) Judy Mears (152 + 136)	288
5) Robin Clark (160 + 114)	274
6) Nancy Hermle (145 + 125)	270
7) Janice Hovelmann (133 + 131)	264
8) Pat Schuler (151 + 106)	257
9) Gloria Jean Harper (134 + 118)	252

The following SCA members were present and counted the 2010 ballots: Genevieve Deltieure, Arlene Boulus, Patricia McCallum, Carol Montgomery, Barbara Zubrickas

WAYS & MEANS - Bev Delaney

Committee members: Bev Delaney - chairman, Christina Dubois, Margaret Gillies, Celinda Cheskawich (pins)

In anticipation of limited space at this year's booth, there will be minimal inventory available for sale. We will have pins, magnets, patches, and DVD's, and will be taking prepaid orders for clothing and other merchandise with the embroidered SCA logo at the booth. The SCA Working Committee will have their "More Than a Pretty Face" sweats and t-shirts on sale at the SCA Booth.

2010 was the 11th year for the annual pin contest. This year we had four entries. The winning pin, selected by the SCA Board, was designed by Deb Fiedler of CA. Pins will go on sale on Wednesday, for \$8.00/pin. The remaining inventory of collector pins from 2005 - 2009 will also be on sale.

New this year at the SCA booth will be the first in a series of pins featuring the Working Samoyed. Artist Nan Holt was commissioned to do the artwork, and has completed artwork for five working venues. The first pin in the series will be "Sledding", and will sell for \$8. Future pins, released annually, will feature weight pull, agility, obedience, and backpacking.

We were unable to get the online store up and running in 2010, but now that Ben has been able to resume his position as webmaster, that is going to be our first priority for next year. Currently, the "Grooming Your Samoyed" and "History of the Samoyed" DVD's are the only merchandise we have available through online sales. I have filled orders for 17 Grooming DVD's this fiscal year. Having all the SCA merchandise available for purchase year round should be financially beneficial to SCA.

WEBSITE - Benjamin Salter

Ben Salter, Chair; Ron Manor, Interim Chair; Pam Barbe, Lori Elvera, Liz Swearingen, Cheryl West

In the past year we've actually formed a committee to help enhance what SCA does online as well as completely overhaul the SCA website. I believe we've made huge advances in making the website as easy as possible to find information as well as giving SCA its own identity on the internet and a fresh new look. As well as integrate data between the website and "At Your Service" Publication.

Never in my wildest imagination would I have ever thought I would "hit" the biggest roadblock possible to keep the initiatives I proposed last year moving forward. On that note I need to Thank Ron Manor for being the best possible Interim replacement, Pam Barbe and the rest of my committee for stepping up and keeping the website moving forward and keeping things up to date.

Since I have come back online as the committee chair in September it's time to move forward... I made two aggressive initiatives last year that I plan to keep. While they were unfortunately delayed, I can ensure the membership that they are being developed and discussed. SCA will have online shopping for the membership and Samoyed University will come to fruition.

WEIGHT PULL - Barbara Gage

Weight Pull Committee: Barbara Gage, Bob Sencenbaugh, Robin Clark

Bob Newman has updated the "Standard Performance Scale" for the Annual Weight Pulling Awards. This will continue the process of making the formula more accurate, reflecting actual data from Samoyeds who are currently participating in weight pull.

WORKING DOG - Helen Newman

Committee members: Helen Newman (chair), Pam Landers, Lisa Peterson, Bill Stewart, Bob Sencenbaugh, and Genevieve Deltieure

Over the past year 20 Samoyeds have earned their Working Samoyed (WS) titles, 19 Samoyeds have earned their Working Samoyed Excellent (WSX) and 1 Samoyed has earned the Working Samoyed Master (WSXM) title. Congratulations to all the Samoyeds and to the people that worked these amazing dogs. The More Than A Pretty Face T's and sweatshirts are still available to purchase (colors red, purple and royal blue). T's medium and large are \$18 and XL & XXL are \$20, and the sweatshirts are priced at medium and large \$25 and XL & XXL \$28. Please add 25% of total to your cost to cover shipping charges and make checks payable to Samoyed Club of America. You can also purchase them at the SCA club booth at the 2010 Nationals.

Financial report

40 working titles (\$15/title)	\$600.00
profit from T's/sweatshirts	\$835.24.
sale of 3 SCA logo patches (\$5/patch)	\$ 15.00
sale of 2 WS patches (\$2/patch)	\$ 4.00
	income \$1,464.24

Expenses

reimbursement to chair	\$ 13.95
cost for reordering of T's/sweatshirts	\$404.79
	total expenditure \$418.74

Total income for Working Committee 1,464.24 – 418.74 = \$1,045.50

We want to encourage all SCA members to become active with their Samoyed and work towards a SCA working title!

INTERIM COMMITTEES

INTERIM ANNUAL AWARDS REVIEW - Robin Clark

Nothing to report.

INTERIM COMMITTEE TO BRING BOB & DOLLY AWARDS UP TO DATE - Georgia Betts

This award was established by Motion 98-035A in 1998.

- 1999 Awarded to Peggy Borcharding at National in Oconomowoc, WI. Information published Page 42 of December 1999 Bulletin.
- 2000 No Award
- 2001 Awarded to Doris McLaughlin at National in Denver, CO. Information published Page 73 of December 2001 Bulletin
- 2002 Awarded to Don and Dot Hodges at National in Carlisle, PA. Information published Page 101 of Winter 2003 Bulletin.
- 2003 No Award
- 2004 Awarded to Frankie Trojan at National in Topeka, KS. Information not published - have requested copy from Frankie 9-30-10.
- 2005 Awarded to Judy E. Mears at National in Owensboro, KY. Information not published. Have received copy of submission from Judy.
- 2006 No award
- 2007 Awarded to Dave Richardson at National in Lancaster, PA. Information not published. Have received copy of submission from Bo Gloster.
- 2008 Awarded to Audrey Lycan at National in Topeka, KS. Information not published. Neither Bo Gloster or Allison Baker have a copy of submission. Have requested Audrey provide brief summary.
- 2009 Awarded to Jane Reller (posthumously) at National in Indianapolis, IN. Information published Page 43 of Winter Bulletin 2010.

I will get the write ups done for missing honorees for publication in the Winter 2011 Bulletin. Do you feel that we should reprint the ones already published - in other words, a history of the Bob and Dolly aWard from beginning to this year?

NEW ILLUSTRATED STANDARD COMMITTEE - Mardee Ward & Lia Benson

Nothing To Report.

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS - Chris Higley

At this point, eleven of the current twenty four Pds have been thoroughly reviewed, and suggestions for revisions have been noted, but not submitted for comment. Review continues. I will be soliciting input from some of the current chairs - particularly for those for which no current PD exists; i.e. CHIC Chair.