

BICA MINUTES

OFFICER/BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2009

Present in the call was Ericka Dennis, Ron Boehme, John Kavalier, Courtney Schram, Dick Propernick

The meeting began with a general discussion of the findings from Ericka and Dick's trip to Italy when we observed both the field testing and the conformation.

From the trip we made significant inroads with breeders, SABI officers, and judges

Testing generally lasted about 10 minutes and the Braccos were scored on their performance as stipulated in the Pastrone Standard see below:

Ericka and Dick were afforded the opportunity to observe the judging first hand with the judges who did their best to inform them of what they were looking for in the dogs while they were in the field hunting. The hunts were scheduled for 10 minutes per dog, but the judges had it in their authority to stop the test at any time or let the dog being tested hunt more. The dogs were hunting all wild birds and if for some reason they bumped the bird, the testing was over immediately, unless the trainer could convince the judges otherwise. Typically the judges followed the Pastrone Standard.

It was discussed that in keeping with Bracco tradition that the field hunting standard would be the Pastrone standard and that equally important in conformation.

The judges were all ENCI (Italy's equivalent to AKC) certified judges and briefly discussed the process for becoming a judge which is quite a long process.

Valerie Kessler had been approached by the UKC for us to look into their testing program. Ericka is looking into this.

We discussed the prospect of getting new genetics into the U.S. and the fact that the Italians may identify top quality dogs for us to import.

It is getting close to the time for the election of Board Members and we will be soliciting nominations for the Board.

We will also be sending out membership renewal forms. Along with this we will be sending out By-laws, Code of Ethics, and the Breed Standard, for ratification.

We are very close to having our new website posted thanks to the work of Chris West. We needed to create a new website with a new name because we were unable gain possession of our BICA Website from Dan and Lane.