

## **Bracco Italiano club of America**

Board Meeting August 17th, 2022 7:30 EST

Attendees: Jennifer Caban, Bobbi Benson, Gary Lewis, John Kavalier, Lisa Moller

Absent: Jeff Lemmenes, Amanda Inman

Called to order 7:33pm EST

**Report of Treasurer:** John Kavalier- Account balance is \$24,334.10 transactions were emailed to the board prior to the call. Bobbi motion to approve, Gary 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Nationals-** Update Lisa Moller- Oak Creek Sporting Club is confirmed, meals are between \$- \$10 for breakfast and lunch and \$25 ish for dinners and the menu is being planned out. They are starting to reserve birds for use in the hunts. Oak Creek is helping to procure a tent large enough for the show. Jody Kirtley is working on ribbons and trophies- Jennifer sent the rosettes she had to Jody for use as they see fit. Lisa has contacted some Hunt Test judges for the AKC event. Bobbi asked if anyone had confirmed availability yet- the answer was no HT judges were contracted yet. Allison Schultz is working on a vendor for goodie bags as well as club logo merchandise. They will begin to select items to be sold, and the option to purchase online for non-attendees will be done as well. The committee is finalizing the details of Manfroni coming over. He has agreed and is excited to judge he just has to have the mandatory health clearance to travel over Italian policy. There was mention of holding a field trial if approved by AKC however the board feels this will be too much in addition to the Italian events and the AKC show and AKC hunt test. We don't have many members who are well versed enough in the rules to host a field trial at this national. The board felt this is better left off the agenda this time and we can explore future options to host a field trial. The committee plans to host Bird Dog 101- new introductions on 2 days during the event to give new dogs an opportunity to experience bird work.

**AKC Manual-** the board is still working to finalize the AKC manual that documents how the club functions in each of the roles. Jennifer will set a separate meeting to go through this document page by page and complete the task.

**Upcoming elections-** We need to set a nomination committee. Jennifer will send an email to membership to see if anyone is willing to serve on this role. The board feels the nomination committee should be set each year to keep fresh perspective and allow for newer members to serve.

Lisa Moller brought up an opportunity that her and Courtney Bastian have been discussing. This would be to host a regional specialty in February in Madison WI in February along with an all-breed club. Jennifer will send a survey to members to find out the interest in this event. If we choose not to have a specialty we could have a supported entry instead.

- Post meeting note- the survey was done on the Facebook page and the majority consensus was NOT to hold a specialty in WI in February.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm EST