

Bracco Italiano Club of America BOD Meeting

DATE: Monday July 11th 2022

7:30pm eastern

Called to order 7:30pm

Attendees: Jennifer Caban, Amanda Inman, Gary Lewis, Jeff Lemmenes, Bobbi Benson, Lisa Moller

Absent John Kavalier

AKC Procedures Manual- Jennifer had emailed the Board the unfinished manual and would like each board member to review and compile any information they feel needs to be included/taken out. Each person please pay particular attention to their job duties and make updates to their page. Jennifer would like everyone to finish reviewing and provide feedback by July 27th at which time she will make additional updates to the manual and get out to everyone for final approval. This document isn't set in stone and can be adjusted but is designed to be a road map to how the club's business functions.

Parliamentarian was one of the pages within the manual- Bobbi has sent some information on the Parliamentarian that SCOA uses for our review. The club pays a fee for their services and they assist in matters that need a neutral party.

Board Elections- Jeff Lemmenes is willing to run for another term on the board. Gary Lewis is willing to rerun for Vice President. Secretary is the position to be filled as Jennifer does not wish to run for another term. The Board will appoint a Nomination committee to begin looking for candidates.

Bella Bravo Committee- The committee is working to set criteria for how the Bella Bravo award is done at the National Specialty. This award is dependent on having an Italian judge with show and field. As the committee kicks around the criteria it may be beneficial to add some other awards so they can do yearlong achievements etc. but the most prestige for the year will be the Bella Bravo. Bobbi mentioned the hardest part is setting the matrix for how the award is won, and this may need to be fluid for a few years until a system can be perfected. Bobbi also mentioned to caution against big traveling trophies due to cost of moving them around the country and the issues if they are damaged. Maybe look to do plaques or smaller trophies the recipient can keep permanently. There was a question of a trophy Allison Schultz is donating. Jennifer stated she will follow up with her because the statue part is in Jennifer's house but she was no longer involved in having the trophy made.

There was talk of adding the health testing to the Bella Bravo requirements. This discussion is ongoing but Jeff and Jennifer felt this could restrict the potential for a young dog to qualify because OFA isn't until 2 years old. It was also asked if this meant a dog who had health test but perhaps didn't pass would be excluded- this make the award more about breeding stock than performance in the events themselves at nationals. More discussions will be had on this as the criteria are further developed. Suggested to possibly have a JR Bella Bravo if the health testing becomes a requirement, so a separate award for dogs under age 2.

Any Old business not addressed- None Raised

Any new business- None Raised

Meeting adjourned 8:55pm EST