

Bracco Italiano Club of America BOD meeting

Monday August 14th 2024 7:30pm EST

Attendees: Amanda Inman, Bobbi Benson, Gary Lewis, Jennifer Caban, John Kavalier

Absent: Lisa Moller, David Hayek

Called to order 7:34pm

Report of Treasurer: John Kavalier: Current account balance is \$20,003.05. Recent transaction history has been -\$45.48 to name cheap for website, a few new membership deposits, -\$1890.00 outgoing to SCOA for Nationals facility deposit, \$106.92 to survey monkey -\$190.47 for the NS photographer, and income of \$342.28 from the NS

Bobbi thought there would be more income from Corporate Images from the NS merchandise sales. Might be worth checking with Allison on this.

2024 National Specialty Updates: Jennifer- The planning committee has been having meetings with the primary focus of getting the Parent club Specialty judge panel selected. The primary panel will be sent out to the membership this week asking them to review the selections and narrow it down to their top 3 choices. The list will then be compiled of the 6 judges with the most nominations. That list will then get sent out for a final vote to select the judge.

Jennifer is planning a site visit this week to get visuals on the spaces and surrounding area. Jennifer has also been working with the SCOA contact regarding the location for the Hunt Test. Once the grounds are secured Jennifer and the planning committee will move forward with the other portions of the HT planning.

2025 Nationals: Jennifer reached out to the members who put in proposals for 2025 to verify they are willing to move forward. We had 3 proposals to consider but of the 3 we need to have more solidified commitments for who will be the chair and point person for each event. Amanda suggested sending one more email to members for final options for proposals before having the membership vote and decide on the location for 2025.

Conference Call Options: We have had a few requests for the meetings to be held through a platform such as zoom or Teams. Amanda looked into Zoom pro and the cost is reasonable at \$160.00 annually. This allows for up to 100 members and 30 hours within the meetings. The board felt this was enough to accommodate our current size. Jennifer and Amanda will work together to set up the account.

Jennifer will send the membership a “heads up” to install zoom before the next open membership call in October.

AKC Member Club Status (to gain a delegate): Jennifer Ups overnighed the required application and checks to AKC along with paper copies of all documents previously emails. Christa Vaeth at AKC has confirmed receipt of everything and has provided the following date timeline for the process.

Completed application and fees to be reported “for Publication” to AKC BOD October 2023 meeting, the application then gets published in the November 2023 and December 2023 AKC Gazette. Following the second publication the request for member status is scheduled to be formally acted upon by the AKC BOD “For member” at a third meeting January 2024, and then scheduled to be brought to the AKC Delegates for vote at a Delegate’s meeting March 2024. The club will be advised of its member status after the delegates meeting.

Old business not addressed: None raised

New business: The board was sent an email regarding NAVHDA registrations of dogs without pedigree on the bitch side. The breeder is Camillo Baldinelli of Canada and there are 2 females being bred without full pedigrees. To date there are roughly 75 puppies from multiple bleedings of these two females. BICA will reach out to NAVHDA to see if there is anything that can be done to stop further registering of dogs without complete pedigrees. There probably isn’t much as a club we can do regarding the dogs already registered and this is not a club member and doesn’t communicate with many in the breed involved in NAVHDA.

Gary had a question asked of him regarding the expenses and income from the 2023 NS. John Callaci asked if it was going to be disclosed who donated funds to have Bitte come over for the Specialty event. There were several donations made by members to be sure the event as a whole was successful. The funds were allocated as needed throughout the whole event. It was also mentioned that some donors don’t always want to be publically recognized for their monetary support. In the future we will be sure the line items all go in as generic donations and don’t go to a specific item, unless it is something listed in the premiums such as trophy sponsorships.

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm EST