

BICA Board Meeting June 12th, 2023

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

Meeting called to order 7:32pm EST

Report of Treasurer: John- Account Balance is \$23,529.97

There is an outstanding check to reimburse John Kavalier for expenses associated with Manfroni. Once this check clears the balance will be adjusted to \$21,494.75

2024 National Specialty Update: Jennifer will be the main POC on the 24 events. This will be a joint event with SCOA as decided by the BOD along with the board from SCOA. The event will be in Charlotte, NC April 20-26 2024. Planning is underway and a planning committee will work together on details and coordinate with SCOA. Planning committee consist of Jennifer, Amanda Inman, Kailee Joyner, Missy Bettis, Bob Gross and David Hayek will be available for technical questions as learned from 23 event.

BOD conversation through emails:

- SCOA has been through their National Specialty judges' selection process and has offered BICA a judge sharing opportunity on this judge- to be disclosed to membership after approved by AKC. The board needs to decide extremely quickly if we wish to use their Italian judge. This would be a 30% cost share vs full expense and time to select our own judge. It also keeps the board from being the ones who select the judge. The judge in question is versed in both Bracco and Spinone and this was considered when SCOA made their panel.
- After discussion by the BOD, considering mainly the cost benefit, as well as the timing and the WDS being the same week it was decided that we should move forward with the use of the Italian judge selected by SCOA. We will make our membership involved by having them nominate and vote on Parent Club and sweeps judges with efforts for 2025 to have our own judge selection process for everything.

Old business: Allison still asking about the status of the club having a delegate. Jennifer will follow up again with AKC it was supposed to be moving forward at this time, documents were sent to AKC.

New business: Bobbi asked if we should include Allison on the board calls moving forward. John stated he didn't see any harm and if there was conversations regarding discipline she would just need to be omitted.

It was asked if we could move towards using a system such as Zoom or teams for board and membership meetings. We need to look into the different systems, costs and limitations of keeping the board calls and membership calls etc. separate. How the access would work for the club to maintain the user access.

Meeting Adjourned 8:06pm EST

Post meeting note:

AKC responded that the Bracco Italiano Club was reported for Application to go before the AKC BOD on July 10-11th 2023. We will then be published for 2 months in the AKC Gazette. After the 2 months of publication our request will be formally acted upon by the AKC BOD “for member status” at their 3rd meeting, then it will go before the AKC Delegates. This process should be completed by October 2023.