

BICA Board Meeting May 15th, 2023

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

Meeting called to order 7:35pm EST

Report of Treasurer: John- Account Balance is \$23,489.67

We had recent outgoing payments to people at the National Specialty as seen in the banking statement. David move to ratify the charges Bobbi 2nd

It was brought up that a member has \$393 in merchandise and is contesting the charges. We need to determine if this member has the merchandise in question and if so, were the charges upheld by the vendor?

There were 5 directors' chairs still available after the event- there was a minimum purchase of this item, which is why we had extra. Allison to post these on the Facebook page for sale.

It was suggested that it might be a good idea to allow proxy bidding at the next event to boost sales of Auction items.

2024 National Specialty Recap:

Allison mentioned that the logo used in 2023 is owned by the vendor. If we wish to use the logo again we would have to use the same vendor.

All in all the National Specialty went very well. The event site was hot and very windy but it was an outside show and you simply cannot control the weather. The event site was very welcoming to everyone and the grounds were beautiful for the hunt tests etc.

The idea of judge written evaluations was very well received and hopefully can be continued at future events.

There was some feedback regarding translation in the ring. In the future it would be helpful if the Italian judges are more familiar with the AKC rind protocol.

Survey updates:

We received a total of 21 responses on the 2023 event and 2 responses on proposals for 2025.

Of the 21 replies from this year's event 57% did not attend. 43% (or 9 replies) did attend. Most feedback ranked the judge selection as highly satisfied, the Italian field event was highly satisfied.

3 improvements that were suggested within the surveys were

- 1) Location- being right next to a gun range with active fire during the shows and other events was distracting and off-putting for young dogs
- 2) Date of the events- try to avoid dates that back up to a major holiday weekend
- 3) Need to be sure to provide shade for judges, stewards and those doing judges education if at an outdoor facility

Old Business: Allison asked for a status update on becoming a member club to have a delegate. Jennifer will follow up again with this process with AKC, thought it was completed prior to the nationals.

-post meeting note the club obtained License status in December which we were trying to complete in order to host our Nationals. There was a misunderstanding between the requirements for license status and member club status allowing for the delegate. License status had to be obtained first then move to member club status. Jennifer thought she had completed both pieces. Working with AKC to get the rest of the steps done as of 5-19-23.

New business: None raised

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm EST

2023 Survey results below

2025 Proposals below