

Bracco Italiano Club of America Board Meeting

February 13, 2023

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

Called to order 7:32pm EST

Report of Treasurer: John Kavalier- The club balance is currently \$25,405.11. There have been some expenditures due to the National Specialty to begin being paid. John asked for approval to pay Bobbi Benson \$374.36 for a charge for Hodges Badge placed on a personal card. This was for hunt test rosettes- Gary approve, Jennifer 2nd all in approval.

2023 National Specialty Update: The Trophy sponsorship is up live on Eventbrite now. Eventbrite will do weekly transfers to the banking starting this Wednesday (2/15) Jennifer will monitor that transaction process.

Catalog Ads and sponsorship info will go live and links put on the website tonight. Jennifer to send an email to the membership about the ability to sponsor, registrations etc. along with links on where to access that data.

Shows, hunt test, registrations re all officially open. Posts are being made on the Facebook accounts and are drawing attention.

All of our contacts in Nebraska are ready for us and excited to be working with BICA. Bobbi has secured 4 hunt test judges and 2 have gone to look at the grounds. Bobbi still needs volunteers such as field marshall, gunners, bird planters. Probably need to rent 1 side by side for the judges. Will need to rent a porta potty for the field area.

Bobbi had a question come up regarding refunds if dogs are not selected for the Italian Hunting Evaluation. The board is in agreement that the only money refunded would be the actual cost of that particular item the Italian evaluation (\$50) and not the total registrations etc. due to the club incurring costs on all other items. Any dog not selected to run the Italian Hunt via the random draw would receive that fee back. The draw is non-transferrable from one dog/owner to any other. There will be alternates selected in case of emergency but only by vet records would that cost be refunded after the draw.

AKC has granted permission for the event to be live streamed. The committee has a videographer lined up for live streaming as well as doing an interview with Mr. Manfroni for use with the Canine College and judges education program.

Jennifer asked who the point person is for the silent auction so that we can promote sales and items even from those who cannot attend. Allison stated Helen Hayek will be the lead on this portion.

The health foundation plans to do 2 seminars during the specialty.

2024 National Specialty discussion: The board has been working with SCOA to do another joint event. The board feels this can be a way to encourage more activities, learn more of the processes for successful AKC events as well as members who have both breeds can benefit from a joint event. We are waiting on further communications with SCOA.

Board to vote on Full status membership for Kailee Joyner, any feedback from membership was positive. Gary approves, Bobbi 2nd all in approval.

No old business raised

No new business raised

Meeting adjourned 8:54pm EST