

Bracco Italiano Club of America Board Meeting

March 13, 2023

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

Called to order 7:34 pm EST

Report of Treasurer: John Kavalier- The club balance is currently \$25,405.11. There is income now flowing for the nationals as well as expenses still being paid out. Deposits from Eventbrite are for trophy sponsorships, registrations, and catalog ads.

John will have a detailed report of treasury available for the meeting at the national specialty and Jennifer will also post this on the members' only section of the club's website.

2023 National Specialty Update: We are getting close to the closing date for the show and registrations. Only 2 days left for entries to come in. The hunt test will close on April 1st.

As of right now there are 26 entries in regular competition, and 8 in sweeps. There are 20 in the parent club show. There are about a dozen entries in the hunt test at this time.

Numbers are much lower than the committee had hoped and anticipated. With numbers this low it is predicted the event could be in the red by as much as \$5,000. Preliminary figures are the merchandise will net about \$2700 to the club, about \$900 for registrations, entries and evaluations about \$1500, ads about \$800 and about \$400 from vendors. This leaves a lot of room to hopefully be made up in the silent auction. As the event gets under way we will promote the silent auction and provide ways for non-attendees to participate as much as possible.

2024 National Specialty discussion: The board has been working with SCOA to do another joint event. We are waiting on further communications with SCOA but things are moving in a positive direction to host the joint events. Jennifer and Amanda are working closely with their board.

Old business: Allison asked where the club stands on becoming a member club with AKC so that we can have a delegate. Jennifer will follow up with her contacts.

New business: Gary has been in communications with AKC on some meet the breed photos and information for Westminster. They are looking for a few high quality images to use for the event. Jennifer will look through the images we already have from membership.

Allison gave an update on the events held recently by SABI- their Spring Raduno was just recently held.

There was a male Bracco who won at Crufts-he appeared a bit shy during judging which seemed unusual-no placement for him in the group competition.

The SABI Raduno will be held in September- if anyone is planning on attending Allison suggests making those plans soon as travel is getting much more expensive.

Jennifer asked about the next meeting-which will be the open membership meeting held in conjunction with the Nationals. That meeting will be in person, but David and Jennifer will work together to create a Zoom meeting so those not in attendance in NE can listen to the discussions.

Meeting adjourned 8:47pm

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