

Bracco Italiano Club of America Board Meeting

November 13th 2023

Called to order 7:33pm EST

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

Report of Treasurer: Account balance looking good \$22,383.30. There were a few charges for items (Staples office and USPS) for the upcoming election ballots to be mailed. There was also a charge for Pheasants Forever.

The Pheasants forever was a donation made in honor of Allison Mitchell, club member who passed away. It was asked how we determine what gets done as a memorial. We have recently started this with passing of two members but we need to determine a way to do memorials. After discussion it was decided it would be best to do a memorials page within the newsletters. This can be for members, or spouses, as well as dogs who have passed. If members or someone close to the deceased choose to submit something they will be included in the next newsletter with a write up and photographs of their choosing. This way it is fair to all and hopefully no one gets left out.

Upcoming elections: We have 4 nominees for the open director at large seats (2 openings). The voting membership will be presented with all 4 candidates and will chose 2. The 2 with the most votes will be considered elected and will begin their term in January 2024. Carl Holder of TX is handling the ballots and will present the elected individuals the last day of December 2023 to the BICA Secretary.

2024 Nationals Update: The committees and SCOA committees are still chugging along and hope to have the last of the big details nailed down by the end of the year. The premiums will be worked on in January and entries will open in February. We should expect expenses to start soon too in getting rosettes and prizes, securing birds etc.

We were made aware that we as a club will be getting a request for a supported entry in the NE area shows. This helps to secure the relationship for the 2025 planning committees. It was agreed that we would do the supported entry and that team will let us know if there is any monetary or prize support that we need to provide. Bobbi will share the form SCOA uses as an example so we as BICA can develop something.

No other items brought up. Meeting adjourned 8:17pm EST.