

Bracco Italiano Club of America Open Membership Meeting

October 9th 2023 Called to order 7:35pm EST

Attendees: Jennifer Caban, Bob Gross, siva Aiken, Aline Pearl, Jeni Niefert, Missy Bettis, Amanda Inman, John Kavalier, Jack Hague, Jessie Freese, Bobbi Benson, David Hayek, Lisa Welch, Allison Schultz, elise Letizia, Megan Waters, Kim Caudill

Report of Treasurer: John Kavalier- Account Balance is currently \$22,418.42. This balance is after a payment to SCOA for \$1890 towards the facilities for the 2024 National Specialties. John will provide Jennifer with updated quarterly financial reports for the website. The fiscal year end is July 31st so reporting will reflect that way. There is an additional \$3311.46 that is for the 2023 specialty that wasn't posted until August so quarterly reports will be revised to reflect this amount.

-There were no question raised in regards to treasurer's report.

2024 National Specialty Updates- Jennifer Caban- The planning committee is working on the necessary things to bring the specialty together. The hunt test grounds are working to be secured and the judges for the shows are being approved by AKC. There is a survey out to the membership for the final judge selections and will close at midnight tomorrow October 10th. Bob brought up options of state lands for hunt test but at that time in April state lands are no longer available for hunt tests in that area.

A question was raised about the cost of the facilities vs the food and beverage minimums. There is an \$8000 food and beverage minimum which is in addition to the facility space use, BICA's portion of this is 30% to meet. This does include alcohol so hopefully will not be impossible to meet. No other questions raised about the specialty

It was brought up that at the AKC meeting in January the AKC board voted on BICA as a member club, the delegate will be presented in March and if approved would sit beginning in September.

Reports of Committees:

Hunting Committee- Nothing to report currently, Allison asked if the hunting committee will send anyone to the Nationals for the hunting events. Jack Hague stated there has not been any meetings recently and that we need to make this group more active. Committee will try to get a meeting set up to discuss ways to promote the hunting activities.

International Committee: Allison S- At the recent Raduno there were 230 dogs in show, 50 in Field Trials and 24 in junior field trials. The conditions were very hot. Of the 74 dogs in the trial 20 qualified. Amanda Inman John Kavalier and Allison Schultz were all able to attend the Raduno in Italy. Several European countries had representation to include Finland, Netherlands, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

There will be a meeting May 23-25 of SABI International. There are 13 countries in SABI International and the meeting is rotated in different countries yearly. The board meets 4 times a year via Zoom. BITV and SABI posted information from the meeting in English. There was discussion in English of breed information.

Our 2024 Specialty is at the same time as the world Dog Show (Europe). Crufts will be held in March.

Rescue Committee- No dogs in rescue recently. A few dogs have been privately rehomed without the need of the club rescue.

Judges Education Committee: Lisa Moller not on call- Amanda Inman will be doing a JE in Orlando at Royal Canin and this event usually maxes out the judge's capacity. There will be a JE at the National Specialty in April. There will be upcoming Meet the Breeds opportunities that club members can assist with in educating the public. Events in Texas, Columbus Ohio.

Health Committee: Amanda Inman- For the kidney study the Bracco Italiano Health Foundation provided funding at the 2023 Specialty and 24 dogs were enrolled at that event. Amanda is still taking samples from older healthy dogs as well as young dogs showing symptoms. Anyone who has dogs in those scenarios can contact Amanda Inman directly for how to submit samples.

Old Business: David Hayek brought up that the AKC Gazette includes breed columns, sports and working articles. It would be good as a club to appoint someone to write a quarterly article on different topics related to the Bracco for possible submission. We can get a feel for potential authors. They could also be sent to Siva for inclusion in the newsletter.

Bob Gross mentioned it would be good to create a Public Relations committee to work on items like this, Meet the Breeds etc. Both Bob and Allison are willing to work on this committee. We can ask for other volunteers. Bobbi mentioned this will be good to keep consistency of the posters and information being shared at events.

It was asked if there are good hunting publications that we can target for exposure to the breed in addition to Showsite, Dog News, etc.

Any other business not addressed: Someone asked that the 2024 National committee send something out when the Premium is released and notify owners of the snakes in NC that time of year. Jennifer mentioned that they are typically not an issue in April but we can mention it to be sure people are aware if they come from regions where there are not snakes.

No other business raised

David Moved to adjourn the meeting, Bob 2nd- Meeting adjourned 8:27pm EST