

## **Bracco Italiano club of America BOD meeting**

May 9<sup>th</sup> 2024

Attendees: Jennifer Caban, Bobbi Benson, Bob Gross, John Kavalier, Gary Lewis, Amanda Inman, David Hayek

Additional Attendees: Megan Waters, Kim Caudill, Allison Schultz

Meeting called to order 7:32pm EST

**Report of Treasurer (John Kavalier):** Account documents were emailed to the board before the call.

The main club account balance is \$19,512.03 The Even Year Account balance \$12,805.32 and the Odd Year Account balance \$150.00

Recent activity in the accounts was due to income and expenses for the National Specialty. The PayPal account failed to sever the auto transfers to the main account so those funds were transferred to the even year account resulting in transactions in each account appear on the statements. This should be resolved before start of odd year accounting. There was also an expenditure in the main club account to reimburse member Deb Pereira for purchase of the Versatility Medallions. The accounting for the 2024 National Specialty should be wrapped up in another week or so, there were items to be shipped out and those funds will come in for a bit longer, BICA also has to settle their portion of reimbursement to SCOA so that will be a fairly large debit to the account. Once SCOA is finalized Jennifer and John will be able to complete the financial reporting for the event. Jennifer would like to have this completed in time to be removed from the banking come June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Bobbi did ask about the cost of the rosettes from 24 so that they could look into that option for 25. Jennifer will email that information-she did not have that spreadsheet accessible while on the call.

Bob motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Bobbi 2<sup>nd</sup>- all in favor- motion passed.

**2024 National Report (Jennifer Caban):** The event went well. Attendees seemed to have enjoyed the event, the judges were impressed with the dogs presented to them and the facility was nice for the event. Jennifer should have the final accounting wrapped up by the end of the month and can get all reporting to the board and membership.

It was asked if we could do a post event meeting with the committee to touch on anything that needs to be addressed or passed along to the following years teams. It was also asked to write up a summary of the event and the statistics, such as number of dogs, attendees, members vs

nonmembers type of info for the newsletter. Jennifer can work on pulling that information together. Plan to schedule post-event call.

It was also asked that we do a survey to attendees on how it went. Allison asked that this get tied in and done with the 25 team to create a survey of this event as well as things to include for 25. Jennifer, Allison and Megan (as new Secretary 6-1) will work together to do that survey.

**2025 National Specialty Report (Allison Schultz):** The event will begin with the club's annual meeting on Thursday evening before any showing begins at the show site, Sandhills Global Center. Date is Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2025. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> would be shows all day with the NS, Sweeps and PC all on the same date followed by a ringside dinner hopefully with an Italian conformation exhibition. Saturday and Sunday there would be supported entries with the all-breed shows. There will be Italian field hunts w meals available at Oak Creek Sporting Club. If attendees want to do both the show and hunt the committees will try to work the running orders to accommodate both but it may not allow time for both on the same day. There will be a clay shoot at Oak Creek to benefit the health foundation. The banquet will be Saturday night at the show site. Sunday will be a double AKC hunt test at Oak Creek. The Italian judge will be Claudio Giuliani-based on him having been selected for 24 but having a conflict with the world dog show. BICA wants to honor the original offer of him as the judge when SCOA voted him in (and BICA was agreed to a judge share). Hotels in the area are \$200 a night- and are going to book quickly due to college graduation in town that week. It was asked to go ahead and vote to book an Airbnb for the Italian judges since all Airbnb are booking very quickly. There was conversations regarding Charlie Calisto and his wife Mary hosting the judges and being hospitality. The concern was raised about anyone hosting judges and exhibiting their dog in any of the events where the Italians are concerned. Gary and Jennifer were against booking the Airbnb if there was any club member with a dog at the event staying in that Airbnb during the timeframe of the event. After discussions on no one with a dog being in that Airbnb Allison Schultz made a motion to move forward with booking the Airbnb as long as there is a cancellation policy that prevents us from being refunded if the club needs to cancel. Bob 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in agreement to use the AirBnB with the requirement that no one is to stay in the Airbnb that would exhibit a dog in any events to anyone staying within the house, in the show ring or the field.

The 2025 Specialty team would like to implement an award specifically for Hunt Titled dogs. They would like to start annually recognizing any dog who earns an AKC hunt test title Junior Hunter, Senior Hunter, Master Hunter (or advanced levels) or a Field Trail title. The qualification period would be April 1, 2024-April 25, 2025. The dogs would be listed in the catalog at the specialty. It was asked if we should include other venues such as NAVHDA, the committee said NO as we are an AKC club and we need to be recognizing AKC titles. It was asked that a budget be presented for the awards, they want to do something like an engraved plate or acrylic

plaque. Budget probably no more than \$15 per award. Amanda Inman made a motion, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, motion passes.

Allison mentioned wanting to create a separate PayPal account for the odd year specialty so that funds can remain separated. Jennifer advised while she didn't have an issue with this that it is worth checking the PayPal rule before this can be officially voted on because she thinks PayPal will only allow 1 account per Tax ID therefore BICA could only have one account. More to come if separate accounts are possible.

The committee so far has 6 potential Parent Club judges for the specialty in 2025. They are looking into interest from a few others and requested to send out the vote by membership in mid-June. This isn't a problem for the BOD, the task of the survey due to timing will fall into once Megan moves into the Secretary role so Allison and Megan will work together on that in June.

**Membership Secretary (Kim Caudill, Jennifer Caban):** It was asked if Kim could start to send the notices out to the membership for feedback once she receives new applications. Then once those hit their 15 day mark Kim would call for a vote by the board. This will take the task off of the Secretary. Kim is willing to do this and they will start this process once the next applications are received.

**Revival of Committees (Amanda Inman):** The board will work to get the committees more involved and develop any new committees as necessary. There were a few recent suggestions at the annual meeting as well as the mention of the bylaws review ad hoc committee. Jennifer had reached out to all existing members of the current committees just before the nationals and will share that information with the board. The board will send out a survey of interest to the membership to see if we can get new people involved.

**Old business not yet addressed- none raised**

**Any New business:** Jennifer brought up the bank account and the need to change signers on the account come 6/1/24. Once Jennifer comes off as Secretary she will work with John to sign the necessary forms to be removed from all banking rights. Megan will work with John to be added as a signer on the account. Amanda and John will remain signers on the account.

Amanda Inman motion to approve this change, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in approval, motion passed.

David made a motion to adjourn, Gary 2<sup>nd</sup> all approve.

Meeting adjourned 9:40pm EST