Bracco Italiano Club of America

September Board Meeting

September 14, 2026
Time: 7:30 pm EST
ZOOM

I. Call to Order – 7:34 PM EST

II. Roll Call
   a. Amanda Inman
   b. Gary Lewis
   c. John Kavalier
   d. Robert Gross
   e. Bobbi Benson
   f. David Hayek
   g. Megan Waters

III. Report of Treasurer
   a. Regular account: $15,216.08
      i. Rescue account: $3,318.48
      ii. 2027 National Specialty account: $4,216.59
      iii. Beach House Raffle: $3,114.81
         1. Raffle fundraising is complete and the funds will be transferred from the raffle account to the main account, making the 2027 account available for use. It was agreed that $6,000 in starter funds would be transferred into the 2027 account.
   b. Approved

IV. 2027 National Specialty Committee
   a. Motion was passed to transfer starter funds into regular account
   b. Merchandise development is underway
   c. One of the judges may have a scheduling conflict, as she is showing at another event the day before. Adjustments to the schedule may be needed to accommodate her availability.
   d. Exhibitors will be able to pick volunteer opportunities when they enter
      i. There will be incentives for volunteering!

V. 2028 National Specialty Proposal
   a. Submitted by: Anna Vaughn
   b. Location: Tulsa, OK
   c. Mid-Continent Kennel Club AB dog show
   d. Hunt grounds: McFarlane Ingersoll Ranch
   e. Dates: TBA – End of April
   f. Other details are to be determined

VI. 2029 National Specialty Proposal
   a. Submitted by: Elise Letizia
   b. Location: New England
   c. Show & Hunt grounds: New England Uplands LLC
      i. Conformation will be outdoors under tents
   d. Dates: TBA
   e. Other details are to be determined

VII. Italian Breed Club Proposal
   a. Submitted by: Allison Schultz
   b. Originally proposed by the delegate from the Lagotto Romagnolo Club
   c. Collaboration between the Italian breed clubs holding a combined national specialty or supported entry for 2028
   d. There's also an interest in creating an Italian breed club organization

i. Motion passed for an Italian breed supported entry. Board declined the option for joint club at this time without further information.

VIII. Regional Specialty Proposal
   a. Submitted by: Courtney Bastian
   b. Location: Madison, WI
   c. Show grounds: Renaissance Dog Show Cluster
   d. Dates: February 27, 2027
      i. The Board had a few questions and concerns about the timing and location. With the National Specialty also taking place in the spring, asking exhibitors to travel to the same area twice for two specialties could be challenging and may result in lower entries at one or both events. The Board discussed two alternatives: a strong supported entry at the Renaissance shows, or a regional specialty farther west, perhaps in Montana and closer to you. A Montana regional could be a great opportunity to encourage more BICA activity and participation out west.

IX. Old Business
   a. None

X. New Business
   a. None

XI. Adjournment – 8:24PM EST