

## **Bracco Italiano Club of America General Membership Meeting**

**DATE Monday January 11, 2021**

**Meeting called to order 7:32pm EST**

**Agenda Items:**

**Attendees:** Jennifer Caban, April Burchfield, Charlie Calisto, Courtney Bastian, Amanda Inman, Kim Caudill, Gary Lewis, Lisa Moller, Marilyn Vinson, Jack Hague, John Kavalier, Rick Maher, Debbie Maher, Claire Philpott, Aline Pearl, Bobbi Benson

**Presidents Welcome and introduction of 2021 officers: Amanda Inman-** Amanda welcomed April Burchfield to the Board of Directors for 2021. We all Thank Kim Caudill for her service to the BOD and will continue to communicate with her as the Membership Secretary.

**Report of Treasurer- John Kavalier-** Current Balance of the bank account is \$15, 378.07. This balance reflects recent transactions for the purchase of books from Italy as well as the purchase of 1 of the books by club members. The 2<sup>nd</sup> book will be received and sold at the nationals. The balance also reflects charges and income for the purchase of the 2021 calendars that members purchased.

**AKC Status Update- Amanda Inman-** currently the club has met all of the requirements set forth by AKC with the exception of Judges Education seminars. We will have 1 seminar at the National Specialty in May. Amanda is also looking into an opportunity to host a judges ed at the Pointer Nationals in April, in Brooksville FL. We have several dogs in the southeast which represent multiple kennels so we will try to pull together this judges ed seminar. Amanda is waiting to hear back from the pointer club. Once judges education seminars (2) are completed we can apply to move forward into the sporting group. Amanda and the education committee are still working on the canine college project. This does not need to be completed before seeking full recognition. It was asked when the club will have the seminars completed, Amanda stated we should have them both done by the summer. Claire mentioned a possible opportunity at a show in MI as well. We will look into that event as well to see if we can do judges ed there. The club would also like to look at doing a seminar in Orlando the end of the year, it is typically a very large show with opportunity to educate many judges.

**Mention of 2021 Nationals: Kathy Inman/Jennifer Caban-** As of right now the club is still planning to move forward with the 2021 national specialty. The dates are set for April 29- May 2 in Pine City MN. The planning committee will be meeting via call in the next week to discuss the “back up plan” if we cannot have the Italian judge, as well as the current rules on organized gatherings in MN. The committee will report back to the membership after our call. We hope to have the premium ready for release by the end of this month.

Lisa Moller asked if we were taking donations for raffle & silent auction. YES we would love any contribution members are willing to provide. The items can be sent to Kathy Inman, or if you plan on attending you can provide a listing of items and pictures to Kathy and just bring the items with you to the event.

April Burchfield mentioned that we should already be working on planning events and locations for 2022 and 2023. We will add this to the next board call for discussion and trying to get volunteers for the planning committees for upcoming events.

Lisa Moller asked if the club will consider adding items such as futurity & maturity to future specialties. She is willing to help organize these events. Amanda asked Lisa to send the BOD a written “sales pitch” for these events to better explain how they work so that we can determine if they can be added to future nationals.

**Old Business- None Raised**

**New Business-** Jennifer mentioned the upcoming AKC Hunt Test being hosted by the club in Arizona. The test will be February 13-14 in conjunction with another local club, meaning the weekend of tests will be a double each day. The test will fill up quickly, Jennifer emailed the premium to all members if they are interested in attending. Rick and Debbie Maher are heading up the hunt test and will work with Jennifer and the BOD as necessary on items such as rosettes. Rick suggested a “commemorative” item since this is the club’s first AKC HT. The BOD approved a \$50 budget for an appropriate item. This is a nice encouragement for the Bracco to enter.

**Additional Fun Note:** Animal Planet has been filming a series to include Jr. Showmanship competition, Conner Maher was included in the filming of this show with his Bracco Chevy. They will keep us posted when it airs so club members can watch if interested! Way to go Conner and Chevy.

**Meeting adjourned 8:07pm EST**