

Bracco Italiano club of America

Board Meeting June 6th, 2022 7:30 EST

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

Absent: Jeff Lemmenes

--**AKC Delegate Appointment Discussion:** Candidates who sent in Bios were David Hayek, Allison Schultz and Debra Pereira.

Amanda stated that we had 3 strong candidates who were interested in serving in this role. David has a very strong background with AKC, Debra also has a good working knowledge of AKC and the performance side as well as showing experience. Allison has the most experience within the Bracco breed.

Gary asked if we only needed one delegate or if we also needed to name an alternate? At this time we only need one person appointed.

Bobbi stated she did not know Deb personally but has worked with the other 2 candidates. While all three are good Bobbi thinks Allison's experience and history with the breed makes her the top pick for Bobbi.

Jennifer stated that all three had good qualities that they bring to the table. She felt that Allison's working knowledge with the Bracco both in the US and in Italy is a strong plus. She also is the only candidate who has much experience with the hunting aspect so based on that being one of the main characteristics we wish to preserve in the breed Jennifer felt Allison was her top pick for delegate.

John agrees with the above sentiments and feels that Allison is the strongest candidate with the longest background in the breed.

Gary stated he didn't want to lose the others willingness to serve the club and hopes they will be willing to serve in other positions as well. Jennifer suggested they might be interested in serving in one of the upcoming open board positions, this may be something to approach them about.

Lisa stated she has gotten to know both David and Allison while on the Nationals planning committee. Both are strong candidates. Lisa stated she does believe Allison brings many strong qualities and is the best option of the bios we received.

Jennifer called for official motion to vote Allison Schultz be offered the position of AKC Delegate for BICA. Gary 2nd the motion, all were in favor. Jennifer will email each of the candidates and thank them as well as offer Allison the position.

Side note Jennifer did mention we need to determine if the club will be funding any travel expenses for this position and set a budget. We will further discuss this in July. We will also determine how frequently she would be on board calls, and at minimum we would like to get a quarterly delegate report for the newsletter to keep the whole membership up to date.

--Items for upcoming move to full status: After full AKC recognition at the end of the month we were told we should prepare for an onslaught of interest in the breed. Amanda suggested everyone on the board look at the website and make notes about things that need to be updated, new things to include etc.

Jennifer will be sure the standard is the correct version (with the note about height DQ not to include puppies) Jennifer will post the new bylaws on there. Also will update the gallery and include many more photos submitted by members. Jennifer and Amanda will get the photos together. Jennifer will put Lisa Moller's article about being #200 on there as well. Remove the 2022 specialty coming soon.

Jennifer asked if it would be worthwhile to put the Judge's education PowerPoint on the website. Everyone felt this was a good suggestion. Jennifer will look at the file size (71MB) and website ability to host this, Gary suggested posting a link to a YouTube video of the presentation vs putting the power point on the site. Lisa will try to record her upcoming Judges Ed session for You Tube.

Judges Education- Lisa asked how we should go about getting more interest in becoming a Judge's Education mentor. Jennifer suggested sending an email blast to ask members who are interested to send a brief bio, maybe the current JE committee creates a brief "knowledge test" of the standard that we can use to determine if interested parties are versed enough to teach and mentor the breed standard. Lisa will pull the Shar-Pei club requirements to use as a starting point in this process.

The club decided to use the 200th breed to be recognized as a "promotional" item to let the first 200 judges attend Judges Education free, normally it is about \$35-40 per attendee.

Upcoming Promotional Events: The National Dog Show announcer, David Frye has reached out and wants to debut the Bracco. He is going to work with a few folks to do a photo shoot on September 13th in NY. There was an ask if there was someone with Bracco in both of the color patterns who could go to NY to do an interview, so Lisa Moller is going to take both her dogs. This interview might be aired on Good Morning America. Amanda asked Courtney Ballew to do the other photo shoot for us.

Bylaws Vote: The bylaws and survey for vote was emailed out to the voting members of the club. The results are completed and we had 24 responses of which 21 were in favor and 3 were opposed. Based on the current bylaws at the time of the vote, that passes the amendments to the bylaws. Jennifer will notify the membership, and send on to AKC for their final approval for BICA to become a member club (allows us to hold sanctioned events). Jennifer will also notify our registered agent of the bylaws updates in case they need it on file. Jennifer will also notify Kim Caudill as the new bylaws amend the dates for renewal period which she needs to be aware of as membership secretary.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm EST.