

## Bracco Italiano Club of America Board Meeting

Monday December 13th 7:30 EST

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

Called to order 7:36 pm

1. Report of Treasurer - John Kavalier- Balance in the account is currently \$23,881.90. There are recent outgoing charges for the calendars which will be coming back in as money is received from individual sales.  
John mentioned that the National Specialty has been positive over the last several years which has contributed to the growth in the account balance. Also, another item that contributes to the balance is that a big expense of the database for the Health Foundation is no longer paid by BICA since the HF split off into their own entity.
2. Report of Nationals Planning- Lisa Moller reporting on behalf of the planning committee- The event is going to be held at Oak Creek Sporting Club in Brainard NE. The committee has secured dates for the last week of June 2022. The current plan is to have a sanctioned AKC event so that the show earns Championship points. Lisa stated there would be points earned in Winners Dog and Winners Bitch and if set up properly could have points in Reserve WD and WB as well. The committee is going to try to have the AKC event(s) June 30 July 1 and have Italian events the earlier part of the week. Lisa has made some calls to local hotels, there are several local dog friendly options ranging from \$69- \$159 a night.  
Oak Creek will be able to have meals onsite with costs at \$8 breakfast, \$10 lunch and about \$25-\$35 for dinners. Prices will be firmed up as we get closer to the premium release.  
The club has access to both quail and chukar for the week of our event. The quote on birds was provided for 100 chukar at \$1050.  
They also have a large 500x500 grassy level area that can be used to set up a show ring. They also have connections to local tenting companies as needed.  
The facility can seat up to 150 people. They do not have a liquor license but have a bring your own policy if attendees wish to have alcohol at dinners.

Based on some feedback and concern around the timing the committee advised that the average temperatures in Brainard in June are from mid-50s to mid-80s.

It was asked what the cost of the facility will be. The membership to Oak Creek is \$100 single, \$150 family per year. Lisa asked Oak Creek if BICA bouth a membership would that allow us use of facility? They said YES. It was also suggested that maybe 1-2 local members could chip in for a membership s well to give Oak Creek more support or buying a membership for the raffle/silent auction.

The committee will be working with AKC to lock in dates over the next several weeks. In discussing the Italian portion of the event: Lisa asked if we could use local translator's vs bringing over 2 Italians if the judge we select doesn't speak English. John mentioned

that Allison Schultz may have connections to judges who speak English. He also mentioned when we used American translators in prior events the cost was about \$100 a day.

Bobbi asked what the flight costs were when we had Manfroni booked, it was about \$1000 per person (him and his wife). Gary mentioned we need to check on the travel restrictions as they seem to be tightening up again. It is possible due to travel restrictions we may need to do an AKC only event again this year, to be able to use local judges, and consider doing an Italian specialty next year.

3. Website development- Jennifer will work with a developer to build out the Associate membership form as well as the renewal forms. Jennifer will get those forms to a Wix developer and determine the cost of getting this completed. Bobbi asked if we should set a budget- it was stated that a board member can spend up to \$250 without prior approval- that will be the current budget set for the project, but Jennifer does not feel it should reach that cost. The goal is to have this completed by 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2022.
4. Payments to BICA- beginning in 2022 we will set up a separate PayPal account and Venmo account under BICA to a general email address to be maintained by the whole board. This will remove any ties to personal account for any future payments of good or services to do with BICA.
5. New Officers- There was no need for an election process this year as there was no opposition to the Nomination committee's recommendation to have the existing board continue a new term, Officers are:  
President: Amanda Inman  
VP: Gary Lewis  
Treasurer: John Kavalier  
Secretary: Jennifer Caban  
BOD: Bobbi Benson, Lisa Moller, Jeff Lemmenes

No Old Business not addressed above

No New business raised

Meeting adjourned 8:36pm