

Bracco Italiano Club of America Board Meeting

Monday March 8th 7:30 EDT- *Called to order 7:33pm*

Attendees: April Burchfield, Jennifer Caban, Gary Lewis, Courtney Bastian, Amanda Inman, Bobbi Benson. Absent: John Kavalier

1. Report of Treasurer – Jennifer pulled the report this period. Account balance is \$17,324.36 as of the call date. This account balance reflects income from the AZ hunt test
2. Report of Hunt Test in AZ- Jennifer- The Hunt Test was a big success. There were several Bracchi who passed as well as one or two who earned new titles. The event had a profit to the club of \$1,383.46. Thank you to all who worked to make this a success including but not limited to Debbie & Rick Maher, Marilyn & John Vinson and Lisa Moller.
3. New Members for Approval:

Jeff Lemmes- to Full Status

All Associate:

Kelly Stouse, Paul Martin-Ocean, Thomas Degenhart, Alexander Coleman, Victoria Graft/Frank Hutterer, Lisa Bailey, Peter Warnes, Brandon Warnes Steve/Robin Hansen

Feedback from membership: A positive response to approve the Hansen(s) back to membership

“I see there are two family names of Warnes. Peter Warnes name has come up between breeders, Spinone Italiano and Bracco. Peter has inquired to purchase pups from several breeders over the last several years. Not sure how many dogs they own between them or if they are a puppy mill. Not sure, needs some investigation.” – via email from Amy March

Amanda motioned to approve all membership requests, Gary 2nd. All in agreement, all new members approved.

Based on Jeff Lemmes move to full status Jennifer has in hand an application for the breeders listing page. Board members Courtney and Amanda have had interactions with Jeff and speak highly of him and his kennels and breeding practices. There was no objection to approving Jeff to be listed on the website.

Old business: None raised.

New Business: Courtney brought up that she was sent an email with concerns about people breeding colors that are not approved in the standard. She stated it could be a lack of knowledge and understanding the standards. Courtney asked if the club could look into developing webinars or a youtube channel on what is acceptable in the breed and how to adhere to the standard.

Amanda suggested we could try to develop a breeder's education series. This is something that can be amended based on the current judge's education and how to relate this back to best breeding practices.

Jennifer asked if we could block registration with AKC of colors not within the standard. Amanda said that could be tricky based on trying to track other information within the breed and may not work if people do not honestly answer the color question when doing the registration process.

The board wants to improve the breeder education and outreach and hopefully can prevent this from becoming an issue.

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm