

BICA Board Meeting
August 9, 7:30EST

- Attending: Amanda Inman, Gary Lewis, Lisa Moller, Jeff Lemmenes

- Report of the Treasurer: John Kavalier not present for the meeting, treasury report had been emailed to the Board before the meeting.

- Update on AKC Status: Amanda Inman let the Board know that the AKC had given a date of July 2022 for full status. Lisa Moller stated that other breeds she knew of had moved into AKC faster (ie: 6 months) and if we knew why the Bracco would be a full year. Amanda Inman would email Mari-Beth O'Neill for clarification on the timeline. Lisa Moller asked for clarification on the timeline of BICA meeting AKC full recognition requirements - Amanda Inman stated that the paperwork part of the requirements (ie: bylaws, membership lists) had been completed since 2020 but the judges education and hosting of open show requirements were not completed until 2021 yet had been done several months before the July 2021 deadline to apply for full status. Amanda Inman will email AKC for clarification on the timeline.

- 2022 Nationals Planning: A finalized location is needed for the BICA 2022 Nationals. Jeff Lemmenes stated he thought Purina Farms was a good location. This location was discussed as having very good grounds but the hunting grounds were not close to the show grounds (but other hunting venues may be available in the area, and this could be investigated more). Discussed bringing an Italian judge. Amanda Inman stated that there has been concern in the past for the cost of Italian judges coming to the US. Jeff Lemmenes confirmed that the Spinone Club will bring Italian judges in. Lisa Moller stated perhaps they could get a cost breakdown for each category from nationals (judges, facility, meals, events, etc). Amanda Inman stated she would email John Kavalier after the meeting to see if that could be done. The Board agreed that a good time for Nationals would be April to Mid-June. Collaborating again with the Spinone Club is a possibility, but the breakdown of costs associated with collaboration would need to be evaluated. There is concern with past collaborations that the BICA was seen as an "add on" and did not get equal share of rooms, times, and amenities (and it would need to be clarified if the costs were split 50-50 between the clubs during these events). The upcoming location of SCOA's nationals was not known to the BICA board. Lisa Moller suggested that the club get bids from locations in the region to have the lowest costs for nationals (this is done but he Shar Pei club). Board discussed this may be difficult as such a small club with less negotiating power due to a smaller turnout but a good idea to look into. The board agreed having good hotel options and near by or on-site hunt sites would be ideal.

- The Membership survey showed that most members wanted a centrally located event for Nationals. Per the survey, many members liked having the hunt and show grounds together at Wings North. Hastings Island, California had been suggested earlier in the year but most members did not find that location feasible. The board discussed keeping the Nationals centralized in the country versus rotating to different areas of the country but did not make a final agreement. Nebraska, Kansas, Kentucky, Georgia (due to heat and snakes, not ideal past March), and Wisconsin were mentioned as having good hunting grounds that could accommodate BICA Nationals.

- Follow Up: Lisa Moller and Jeff Lemmenes will inquire on a few locations they were familiar with. Amanda Inman will email AKC regarding the timeline for full status and email John Kavalier for cost breakdown from 2021 nationals.