

Bracco Italiano Club of America General Membership Meeting

DATE: July 12, 2021

7:30 eastern

Meeting Called to Order 7:35pm EST

Roll Call: Jennifer Caban Secretary

Attendees: Jennifer Caban, Ed Erickson, Aline Pearl, Jeff Lemenes, Celeste Neisser, Bobbi Benson, Kim Caudill, John Cavalier, Lisa Moller, Jesse Freese, Susan DeRose, Marilyn Vinson

Start of meeting/welcome:

- a. Introduction of new board members- new board members Jeff Lemenes and Lisa Moller were introduced to the club members and gave a brief intro of themselves. Both joined the board this month after the resignation of April Burchfield and Courtney Bastian.

Report of Treasurer: John Cavalier

- a. Club financials report the current club balance is \$21,794.73 with no major expenses expected for the rest of the year.
- b. Summary of National Specialty- The gross income was \$21,315.99 and the expenses due to the specialty were \$15,979.53 leaving the event profitable by \$5,336.46. This was a good event and profit margin, but it is worth noting this is without the expense of Italian judges. That would have greatly eaten into the profit margin. This past event's hunt test judges did their judging gratis and the AKC show judge only asked mileage so virtually no judging expenses. Lisa Moller asked if there was any strengths or weaknesses to improve the event's income. On a whole no the event did really well. The fund-raising efforts were very successful, and entries and meals were designed to cover the costs of running those parts.

It was asked if we have data over the past events to compare the profits and attendance based on location factors. Jennifer is not aware of a current comparison but can work to put one together.

Jesse Freese mentioned it would be nice to see the number of attendees and if having Italian judges seem to influence the attendance.

Marilyn Vinson did mention we need to keep in mind unless we have a good working relationship with the Italian judges it is hard to know how good they are or if they have bias towards certain breeding lines or kennels etc. We need to work to get the cream of the crop if we use Italians vs taking them at blind faith that what they are telling us regarding our dogs is the ideal to the standard.

Committees Survey and Results Status

So far, we have had 14 responses with several committee volunteers. We will leave the survey open for another week or two then let everyone know the committee members.

2021 National Specialty Survey being sent out for suggestions.

Once we compile the feedback from the current membership surveys Jennifer will provide the National Specialty feedback to the Board then also to the National Specialty planning committee. Hopefully this data will help to determine where we wish to host the 2022 and 2023 events.

2022 National Specialty

- a. Open for location proposals
 - a. We have a proposal for Hasting Island, CA
 - b. Looking at a possible location in St. Louis area

Notes tie into above discussion. Once we have survey info and planning committee the club will move forward with the next event.

AKC Status update

- a. Intent to move to full status submitted for July BOD meeting- results should be announced after their meeting- should be Full Status July 2022

Jennifer reported that the AKC board meeting is actually July 13th so we should hear something after that meeting. Based on how it was explained to me, the AKC announces new breeds to move up on January 1 and July 1 and because the Bracco is presented to the BOD on July 13 after the July 1 release it is more than likely going to be released if approved for July 2022 as full status. More details will be distributed after the AKC meeting.

It was asked how many members the club currently has. Kim Caudill, membership secretary, reported that we have 131 members of which 31 are associate members currently.

A question was asked by Susan DeRose if the club was planning on participating in the AKC meet the breeds "tour". There is an event in San Diego in August, and she would be interested in helping if we were going to participate. Jennifer will check with AKC to determine when the deadline is for the events and what the commitment of people is to be included.

Post call note: Jennifer did check with AKC, and we must be registered by 7-15-21 in order to participate in the CA event. There is also a TX event with the same registration deadline. The booth designs are already in production with AKC but if we participate, we can decorate the tables and have handouts and printed materials. The requirement is a minimum of 2 dogs each day Saturday and Sunday to meet the public if we have a booth. Jennifer reached back out to Susan, and we will see if we can pull together volunteers in time to register for this event. We will also reach out to the membership about future event dates too.

Any Old business not addressed? No old business raised.

Any new business- no new business not discussed above was brought to the club's attention.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm