

BRACCO ITALIANO CLUB OF AMERICA
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

01/19/2015

5:00 PM PACIFIC / 6:00 PM MOUNTAIN / 7:00 PM CENTRAL / 8:00 PM EASTERN

IN ATTENDANCE: Jennifer Caban, Ericka Dennis, Ed Erickson, Heather Hauser, Valerie Kessler, Sue Lillicrap, Paul McDaniel, Michelle Potts, Dick Propernick, Marilyn Vinson, Teresa Young, Jack Hague, Heather Hague.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT:5:05pm pacific time

Treasury report: \$13,105.09. Only expenses for December were for calendars and postage.

New BICA membership applications:

- ❖ Bricker, Amy, Oklahoma
- ❖ Johnson, Mary & Paul, Wyoming
- ❖ Thorne, Kalven, Kansas
- ❖ Hardie, Joy & Mike, Michigan
- ❖ Musia, Amy, Indiana
- ❖ Pigott, Joel, California

No one had any opposition to new membership applications. All applications (above) are approved for full membership.

1. B.I.C.A. BYLAWS REVISIONS: Bylaw suggested revisions to discuss:

- ✓ Continue on the careful, meticulous path to become the parent club for AKC
- ✓ Remove associate membership (as it has never been used).
- ✓ Membership renewals go out in July.
- ✓ Specify membership meeting months.
- ✓ Change biennial meeting to annual meeting
- ✓ Correcting mathematical error - the board shall be comprised of 6 persons (not 5).
- ✓ Creating an operating year versus a fiscal year
- ✓ Moving voting from September to November.
- ✓ Removing the ballot and election process from the Secretary to an independent outside firm.

CONCLUSION: There were no oppositions, suggestions or additions to the bylaw changes proposed by the BICA board. A vote will be conducted online at survey monkey.com

2. HEALTH COMMITTEE. ARTICLE ON EARLY SPAY/NEUTER (BICA member Nancy Carangelo would like to discuss). Update health committee members?2015 Health Survey with Europe?

CONCLUSION: BICA will update the health committee to discuss the topic of early spay/neuter along with other health related issues. John Callaci will continue to chair the health committee. Heather Hague and Heather Hauser would like to be on the health committee. Valerie Kessler will follow up with John Callaci.

3. EVALUATION FORMAT: Conformation and structure the VHDF uses. BICA member Ed Erickson

CONCLUSION: BICA member Ed Erickson spoke about the Versatile Hunting Dog Federation (VHDF) and the possibility of using this organization for tests and evaluations. They take approximately 45 minutes to evaluate each dog giving a 1-10 rating. There were questions on who the judges are certified and if they have a database for the scores and statistics on the dogs. They have been in existence for approximately 10 years. Ericka Dennis will follow up with Jeff Funke, Chairperson for VHDF.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Heather Hauser is working on finding hunt test judges for 2015 BICA Raduno at Purina Farms
 - ❖ Heather Hauser will contact hunt club to find out if they allow horses and if they have a list of judges they use.
- 8th Annual Regional Gathering at Hastings Island 4/10-12, 2015. Contact Valerie Kessler for more details. valeriekessler@att.net
- Aline Pearl, Nikki Hockenberger and Valerie Kessler attended the IABCA dog show in Santa Rosa 1/10-11/2015
 - ❖ Amore owned by Nikki Hockenberger and Ben owned by Aline Pearl were both awarded their Championships.
- Ericka Dennis, Valerie Kessler, Aline Pearl and Nikki Hockenberger will be attending the AKC Golden Gate Bench Dog Show in Daly City, CA on January 24-25, 2015 with Braccos Beppe, Ellie, Ben & Amore. This is a bench show where dogs have to be on display in the breed bench area when not in the show ring. Brochures will be available to the public and vintage bracco pictures were enlarged for bench decorations.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Marilyn Vinson requested a revision of the November meeting minutes.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Mia owned by John & Marilyn Vinson was awarded her AKC Junior Hunter title!
- Aldo owned by Heather Hauser earned the first leg of his AKC Senior Hunt Test!
- Carlos owned by Heather Hauser earned his AKC Senior Hunter title!

ADJOURNMENT – Moved By: Heather Hauser SECOND –Valerie Kessler

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 5:41pm pacific time