

# **BICA Board Meeting**

## **May 18, 2015**

Officers/Board members in attendance: Ericka Dennis, Heather Hauser, John Kavalier, Valerie Kessler  
John Callaci, Paul McDaniel, Teresa Young

4:30 PACIFIC TIME - 5:30 MOUNTAIN TIME - 6:30 CENTRAL TIME - 7:30 EASTERN TIME

Called to order: 4:37pm

### **AGENDA**

1. TREASURY REPORT - John Kavalier
2. NEW MEMBERS - Valerie Kessler  
Mike & Dana Puppy from M. Shekar application received 5/15/15. Approve at next membership meeting.
3. BICA EVENT PURINA FARMS OCT 2015 UPDATE - Ericka Dennis  
Judge from Italy -- Ericka Dennis Soft yes from judge from Italy.  
Invites to gathering -- Ericka Dennis  
Conformation Show --John Kavalier/Teresa Young  
please ask the judges what categories we should have so we remain true to AKC conformation events without diluting "classes". The categories are on the tentative premium I sent out. I also need a judges bio for the premium.  
Hunt Test -- Heather Hauser/John Callaci  
info with directions to the vet for the premium and bio's for the hunt test judges. Check to see if we can get our own gunners (from experienced hunters/shooters who will be at the gathering We could even get those same people to be the bird planters (when they are not handling a dog and/or acting as a gunner). Also check to see if shooters/hunters need a Missouri bird stamp.  
Hunt test closing date for sign ups?  
Judges gift --Paul McDaniel  
Raffle/Auction --Valerie Kessler  
Premium -- Valerie Kessler  
Need updates for hunt test info & conformation.
4. HEALTH SURVEY UPDATE John Callaci:  
Bracco Italiano Club of America: Health Committee Update.

#### **A. Health Survey**

To date, 21 surveys have been returned. The surveys represent 27 total dogs. All surveys completed to date are from members of BICA.

A number of health issues have been identified by the survey, however the majority of the conditions noted have been minor- seasonal allergies, skin conditions, etcetera. Many of the completed surveys are from owners with young (less than 2 yrs.) dogs, which partially explains the nature of the conditions noted to date. Individuals who were completing surveys for dogs who are deceased noted more serious conditions, as would be expected. I am in the process of compiling all the health information received to date into a chart, which I can include for next month's meeting.

Moving forward, we should send out a reminder to all members about the survey. I will write an email and forward to Valerie for distribution. We also need to set up another health committee meeting. Valerie, Heather Hague and myself are the only members of the health committee that have completed surveys, so we need to assess the interest level of the other health committee members and restructure the committee accordingly. After sending out a reminder email, the next strategy to increase participation will be to contact BICA members directly by phone to ask if they are willing to participate.

. NEW BUSINESS:

Rescue Valerie Kessler

One bracco rescued from Connecticut litter to new home in New York.

Teresa Young will host monthly informal get togethers. Coffee shop, winery or dog friendly places.

Teresa will let BICA secretary know how far to extend regional invitations.

Old Business:

ADJOURNMENT – Moved By: Ericka Dennis

SECOND - Valerie Kessler

Adjournment at 5:35PM.