

**IWANE Board Meeting Minutes  
Conference Call ~ July 25, 2020**

**Call to Order:**

The IWANE president called the board meeting to order at 11:10am. The following board members were present: Andrea Dormady (AD), Joni Light (JL), Janel Milner (JM), John Fitzgerald (JF), Karen Eberl (KE), and Pat Campbell (PC). Colleen Brown (CB) joined at 11:40pm.

Guests: Lisa Forman (LF), Suze Craighead (SC)

**Agenda:**

A conference call was scheduled in conjunction with the general meeting as per IWANE By-laws, Article II, Section 3. JL was recording the minutes. IWANE will be referred to as "The Club" henceforth. Topics of discussion not necessarily in this order were specifically regarding the annual sportsman award, new memberships, trophy status, new business, and approval of meeting minutes.

AD asked to move approval of meeting minutes after the review of the board reports.

**Officer Reports:**

JM let the board know that she was able to reconcile the details of the "missing" years from previous accounting records. She coordinated with the banks for additional records and is awaiting copies of cancelled checks to fill in deficient data. Unfortunately, there were several withdrawals made that will be nearly irresolvable due to lack of descriptions and comments in any of the records. JM suspects strongly that the withdrawals are in connection with the Specialty Shows of those years as they are made around the months of the show dates. Going forward JM will always have comments to denote expenses and will only make cash withdrawals upon approvals. Checks will be the necessary method in which to trace all costs and is a preferred accounting practice for transparency. Currently the bank account balance is \$33,873.44.

**Meeting Minutes:**

AD explained that if there are any comments to Part 1 of the Meeting Minutes of May 8 that the board will have to go into Executive Session as this part of the meeting was held in Executive Session. Hearing no comments, JF moved the motion to approve the minutes of May 8 Part 1 and JM seconded. Motion accepted 6-0-0.

PC moved the motion to approve the minutes of May 8 Part 2 and JL seconded. Motion accepted 6-0-0.

**Logistics of Member meeting via Zoom:**

JL explained to the board that she and JM will monitor the waiting room to ensure people are allowed into the meeting. Everyone will be on mute except for the board members. When AD solicits questions from the members JL, and JM will look for comments in either the chat window or look for hand waving. They will be unmuted in the order received. Audio callers will then be given a chance to ask questions, as well. This is to ensure everyone is heard and the meeting is organized.

**New Memberships:**

AD confirmed the associate application of Carole Silverthorne. After a brief introduction of Carole and her efforts in the IW world, here at the heart testing clinic last year and her work with IWF, all members agreed that she is a welcome addition to IWANE.

### **Annual Sportsman Award:**

JL confirmed that all the correspondence received for the 2020 recipient were in favor of Sue Gilson. JL did not receive any other applicants. All members agreed that she would be the 2020 recipient and AD will make announcements at the next member meeting. Award will officially be presented to her at the next "in person" IWANE event. If it happens to be at the 2021 Specialty, then the award will be presented to her with the recipient of the 2021 award.

### **Trophy Status:**

AD confirmed that the trophy inventory was received by the new trophy chair, Mike Meyer. Additionally, the board received an email from Sherry May with the list of donated trophies from Donna Monahan to ensure their receipt. Mike confirmed that they were all accounted for and will reach out to Sherry to relay that message.

AD also told the board of Sherry's request to send cards to members who lose a dog as it would be a nice gesture. The board discussed this at length and all members agreed that this was not a good idea for myriad reasons. One being that many people find this a personal time and may not share their loss openly, nor would they want a reminder weeks later of their loss. Further, it would be very easy to miss sending to everyone because it is a private time for many. AD will respond to Sherry on the board's decision.

JM commented on the trend for members not donating to the trophy fund. She does not want people to lose sponsorship, nor does she want trophies to go without a sponsor. Currently, JM only sends notice of those members who drop their sponsorship. JF explained his experiences with continued sponsorship of trophies, and that people need to know if they paid for a sponsorship in 2020 than it will remain their sponsorship until the next Specialty Show. AD agreed that pre-paid sponsorships need to be communicated. JL will work on adjusting PayPal to have a button for trophy donations to make it easier for JM to see such monies. JF suggested that the board and trophy chair solicit trophy donations for the next show.

AD confirmed the 2021 Specialty Show will indeed be in August. The judge will be Fred Vogel and, Andra O'Connell is still on board to judge sweepstakes. The location of the show will be again at the Showcase for Dogs in CT. There was further discussion on the future location of The Club's subsequent shows, and whether to hold a two day show or cut it back to a one-day show. Alternatively, AD brought up the possibility of holding two specialties over the two days. AD opened discussion with guests, Lisa Forman. LF reached out to the Keene, NH location and explained how the cost is the same as Showcase for Dogs except for the tent. The tent is included in the price for Showcase for Dogs and is a significant cost. More research and discussion will be made on the location with members at the next membership meeting.

### **New Business:**

JL told the board that there will be a new topic for board meetings due to the numbers of member emails she received, in addition to other board members. It will be simply "Member Correspondences". This will open and share the discussion with the rest of the board and ensure any member concerns or issues raised are addressed. The only email as of this meeting was from Sherry Mayo and AD addressed it at the beginning of the meeting.

AD asked that the board remember to utilize the Amazon Smiles Program with all the purchases people have been making via Amazon due to COVID 19. This will be brought up to members at the next

meeting and JL will post it on the FB page and include it to members in the next email blast. JM said that she has only received \$46 to date from the program.

AD brought up the ability to update by-laws to include conference call meetings offered by the AKC. This is an opportunity to review IWANE's by-laws and make clarifications, adjustments, and additions. JM has a few clarifications she would like to incorporate. All by-law changes will be reviewed by the board and presented to membership for a vote before submitting to the AKC. This is time sensitive as the AKC gave only six months to get update requests back to them for assimilation. These will need to be voted on at the November meeting.

JM discussed her scholarship idea in more detail. Since IWANE is a 5013C she would like to utilize some funds to provide for a veterinarian scholarship. Criteria and other details to be researched and discussed. The idea is to build relationships with veterinarians in our geographical footprint to partner on IW specific needs. KE spoke of the Tufts students that sit ringside at her kennel club reviewing the dog breeds and how this would be a fantastic opportunity for vets to learn more about our breed. AD suggested having Jen Sula involved as the only vet member of IWANE as a contact and potential mentor to the vet students. JF asked if the scholarship would come out of the Janney Fund or donations. JM confirmed that it would be from the Janney Fund as this is one such cost it can be used for as an educational club trust. AD said an exploratory committee will be put forth and will be discussed with members.

JL communicated the fund-raising efforts being put forth by the committee. Currently, there will be 2021 calendars offered for purchase along with the note cards. Both showcase Sue Gilson's artwork and can be produced at a relatively low cost and high profit margin to The Club. Again, PayPal buttons will be put on the account so JM can see the transactions. Shipping will be included in the price.

Finally, AD confirmed that she will provide JM with all bank numbers to help facilitate the additional copies of cancelled checks.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm.

Submitted and approved: October 5, 2020

*Joni Light*

IWANE Secretary