

**IWANE Board Meeting Minutes  
Via Zoom Conference Call  
November 6, 2020**

**Call to Order:**

The IWANE president called the board meeting to order at approximately 6:05pm. The following board members were present: Andrea Dormady (AD); Janel Milner (JM); Pat Campbell (PC); John Fitzgerald (JF); Joni Light (JL), Karen Eberl (KE) and Colleen Brown (CB)

**Agenda:**

A meeting 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. Agenda items per the attached and in slightly different order noted in bold below.

**Officer's Reports:**

JM shared the Treasurer's Report for a snapshot of the year to date. All bills submitted through this date have been paid. JM is making a final review of the calendars and how much The Club has made in donations after the printing and shipping costs have been tallied. JM is working on the audit results and is still in need of explanation on the cash withdrawals that were made in those years questioned. JM determined that a large amount of the transactions in question went to rescue costs. She also concluded that the Janney recovered some of the loss. JL will provide her with PayPal reports for further reconciliation.

**Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2020:**

JF confirmed that he wanted five calendars and not ten as was incorrectly noted in the board meeting minutes. JL made note and also confirmed with Sue Gilson.

PC moved the motion to accept the board meeting minutes of October 5, 2020 as amended. JF seconds and the motion was accepted unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

JL shared the results of the calendars for the Fundraising Committee. The Christmas Wreaths will not be offered this year, unfortunately. The cost of the materials was higher than anticipated, and the time spent making the wreaths turned out to be arduous with the numbers of requests and timeframes to get them completed. JL shared that Sue would consider one off requests but will look into this fundraising endeavor for next year.

JL shared another fundraising activity that the committee suggested and that was a Virtual Match. With people wishing to show off their hounds and get them some training during the absence of in person shows, this could offset the missing "fun" from the annual Fun Match in both donations and interaction. Pat Scelso and Julie Schaeffer agreed to collaborate to put this up for members and anyone else wishing to join in.

AD confirmed the Nominating Committee for 2021 which will include KE as the chair, and she will seek out two others to participate in the search. AD explained that she will leave the board after fulfilling her two-year rotation. PC and CB explained that there is nothing in the bylaws that limit the terms of any of the board members and would like to have AD remain one more year with the board. JM agreed and felt the stability was necessary. Likewise, she explained that a lot had been done the past few years

with The Club and would like to keep the momentum moving in a positive light. That said, PC indicated that she did not want to remain in her capacity as Board of Director, and that her term would be over at the end of this year. She would like to open it up for someone new. AD said she would remain in this capacity. JF indicated that he would remain in his capacity. JL asked about the communication to the members on the new slate and nominating committee. As per Section 5 the slate and nominating committee should be communicated to the members four months prior to the annual meeting. JL will send communication out in January with the committee members, once determined.

KE discussed the Specialty for 2021 and that we need a show secretary. There were several mentions among the board, including AD's suggestion to reach out to Pat Scelso and Mike Meyer, KE suggested Charles River or Rau, and CB said she would help in taking entries and making catalogs but could not handle the full responsibility of show secretary at this time. KE said she is contacting area hotels and is working on additional accommodations for the show. AD, CB and JL mentioned Fast Cat and how it would be an additional event to hold during the Specialty. The grounds can accommodate the use of their Fast Cat track at no additional charge. JL said she spoke to member, Bill Wimsatt, who is a huge proponent and participant of Fast Cat, to help. He has equipment, experience, and knowledge, as well as contacts with other breeds who participate. We can open up to other breeds to make it worthwhile to The Club and try to make some money. JF said he was up to help, as well.

JM moved on to the Scholarship Committee which is an exciting new endeavor for The Club. She sent information out to Jen Sula and will work to get a few others on the committee. There will be more to come on this topic.

Similarly, JM will work on getting members involved in the newly formed Financial Audit Committee. As IWANE is a non-profit organization, this was recently added to the bylaws as a necessary committee to review financials twice a year.

Circling back to events offered at the Specialty Show, AD and KE discussed heart testing. In light of the pandemic and uncertainty of travel restrictions they suggested holding off on this for 2021.

KE moved the motion to suspend heart testing at the 2021 IWANE Specialty. PC seconds and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Memberships:**

JL shared the application of Lauren Swick from Ohio. JL sponsored her. Her membership was accepted unanimously.

#### **New/Old Business:**

AD shared the results of the recent poll sent to members regarding the location of the Specialty. It was overwhelmingly preferred to remain at the CT site. Additionally, members preferred to keep it as a two day event and one specialty over two specialty event.

AD discussed the supported entries for next year. She will reach out to Mike Meyers and ask about sponsoring Trapp Falls which is an outdoor show. It was discussed to remain a sponsor of outdoor shows. CB noted that her club is an outdoor event. The shows considered will be St. Hubert's in CT, Green Mountain in VT, The Hound Show in NY, the Southshore Club down the cape, and Wampanoag in MA. This will be presented to the membership for consideration.

JL brought up the updates to the bylaws and shared the document with board members. This went into a lengthy discussion. Changes were made and proofread.

PC moved the motion to present the revised bylaws as amended. KE seconded and the motion was accepted unanimously.

KE let the board members know that long time member, Sue Orr, is in a convalescent home. She would love to receive correspondence from members and get "wolfhound fixes", if possible. This will be shared with the members at the next meeting.

PC moved the motion to adjourn the board meeting. KE seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Submitted and approved: January 14, 2021

*Joni Light*

IWANE Secretary