

IWANE Board Meeting Minutes
Wilbraham Public Library, Wilbraham, MA ~ November 9, 2019

Call to Order:

The IWANE president called the board meeting to order at 10:08am. The following board members were present: Andrea Dormady (AD); Janel Milne (JM); Pat Campbell (PC); John Fitzgerald (JF); and Joni Light (JL). Absent: Eileen Flanagan (EF); Colleen Brown (CB)
Guest: Marc Campbell (MC) who arrived at 10:45am.

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. Topics of discussion included board reports; membership approvals; committees and open chairpersons; website; and new discussion.

Memberships:

JL acknowledged receipt of three membership applications; Susan Comito and Linda Medwid applying for associate membership, and Justine Corchado applying for regular membership. AD spoke of all three and confirmed their sincere interest in the breed and experiences. Susan has O'Lugh hounds, Linda has Taliesin hounds, and Justine has been an associate member for two years and regularly participates in club activities and owns several of her own hounds.

AD moved the motion to approve associate membership for Susan Comito; JM seconded. Motion passed unanimously. AD moved the motion to approve associate membership for Linda Medwid; PC seconded. Motion passed unanimously. AD moved the motion to approve Justine Corchado for regular membership; PC seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

AD spoke of Jeanne Patterson's request that an exception be made for her to become a regular member, having only just been voted in as an associate member. She is asking as she had been an IWANE member for many years and is a long-standing member of IWCA and DeVal. Several board members and officers agreed that she has a profound knowledge of the breed, as well as AKC, and with such a skill set will be a much-appreciated regular member to The Club. JF stated that he was comfortable making an exception for her to move to regular membership based upon her prior tenure with IWANE.

PC moved the motion to approve regular membership for Jeanne Patterson; JF seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Committees/Open Positions:

AD voiced her concerns over the lack of response from the previous Trophy and Ribbon Chair, Barbara Kinsella, to get the inventory physically delivered to the new chair. PC offered to make a call to her and will circle back to AD. Mike Meyer will be taking over as Trophy Chair, and Pat Scelso will fill the Ribbon Chair. There has also been no communication with the former Fun Match Chair, Cate Kowalski, and The Club will likely need to fill this role soon. AD made it clear that if we cannot fill this position the event will fall upon the board to organize. Board members present will reach out for people interested.

Moving on, AD spoke to The Club's insurance company and confirmed that any IWANE sponsored event is covered without needing a waiver, which costs \$50.00. Parades and cultural events are generally covered. This is one of several costs The Club can avoid knowing it is unnecessary.

The website committee is looking to fill one more spot. JL is working on a volunteer waiver so each committee member can sign. This signed form is intended to confirm that anyone volunteering as a member on the website committee would not seek compensation from The Club for their work on the website. AD asked for additional information to be on the site, such as better viewing of the calendar, and emails and phone numbers for officers and board members. JL said she is working on summaries of each tab and will send a list to AD of what is needed as she may have many summaries already written. JF, PC and AD are ok to post phone numbers, however, JL and JM prefer only an email be added to the Officers page. JL will investigate having emails linked. Additionally, AD went through the list of chaired positions: Rescue is directed to Jeanne Minnier; Health and Research is Bev Alba; Fun Match used to be Cate Kowalski, but this may change; Legislation is Colleen Brown; Hospitality/Sunshine is Justine Corchado; Judges Education will be the Board of Directors, likely Eileen Flanagan.

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the July 25 and July 28 Board Meetings were reviewed. PC moved the motion to approve the minutes as written. JM seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

New Discussion:

JM went over the financial details that will be presented to membership. She was stunned by the amount withdrawn from the trust since it was received. A total of \$160,000.00 (approximately) has been withdrawn, and currently the balance is at the original amount of \$500,000.00. On average the trust is running at a 4% rise in revenue. This year was more profitable with a 13% increase in principal. However, the previous year was about the same amount to the negative. There are several years that she does not have records detailing where the money was spent. For example, she found that in 2015 there was a withdrawal of \$40,000.00 but there is no supporting documentation as to what this money was attributed to. According to MC who asked to speak on this, the money went towards the University of Washington study, and the Broad Institute. JM will further investigate as she is not in possession of the 2016 tax returns to confirm.

AD further communicated to the board that the Specialty could essentially be presented for about \$7,000.00. In previous years fundraising has been non-existent, but much of the costs could be from such efforts. With that communicated, a new committee was established to help with Sue Gilson being a member. She has offered her artistic talents to many events and has donated her work as gifts to judges and others for IWANE. JL will assist and both are working on the Christmas wreaths as a first official fundraising endeavor. This will be added to the list of committees on the website.

PC moved the motion to adjourn the meeting; JL seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

Submitted and approved: December 30, 2019

Joni Light
IWANE Secretary