

**IWANE Board Meeting Minutes
Conference Call ~ October 5, 2020**

Call to Order:

The IWANE president called the board meeting to order at approximately 6:38pm with the following board members present: Andrea Dormady (AD), Janel Milner (JM), Colleen Brown (CB), Joni Light (JL), John Fitzgerald (JF), Karen Eberl (KE), Pat Campbell (PC).

Agenda:

A meeting was scheduled in conjunction with the general meeting as per IWANE bylaws, Article II, Section 3. JL was recording the minutes. IWANE will be referred to as "The Club" henceforth. Agenda items included a review of bylaws, review of member questionnaire as discussed from previous member meeting, new members, committee reports and virtual dog show. Note that this was a necessary working session of the board.

Bylaw Review:

The board went through each section of the bylaws in detail and made suggested changes to include AKC requested language to allow for meetings to be held via video conference. Additional updates were suggested and will be presented to the membership for an ultimate vote of acceptance. Comments and changes were tracked.

PC moved the motion to accept bylaw changes for presentation to the members. JM seconds and the motion was accepted unanimously.

After further discussion regarding Article III, Section 2. Officers, it was suggested to add two new paragraphs. JL moved the motion to accept the additional paragraphs, Article III, Section 2d and 2e. KE seconds and the motion was accepted unanimously.

New Members:

AD presented two new members for approval. Shea Lambirth and Nancy Fitzgerald were sponsored by JL and Rosemary Wortman, respectively.

CB moved the motion to accept both candidates as associate members of IWANE. JL seconds and the motion was accepted unanimously.

Questionnaire:

JL shared the results of the poll questions that was sent out to all members after the meeting of July 25. AD will proclaim the results at the November 7 member meeting. Each of the board members disclosed their positions on the specialty shows and locations.

Fundraising Efforts:

JL gave a status on the 2021 calendars and payments to date to The Club. The calendar sales have brought in over \$1,500.00 to date, with requests still being made. Sales will continue to be accepted through November 15, 2020. JF was happy to request five calendars adding an additional \$125 to the total. JL explained that perpetual Christmas wreaths are being made on a request basis. Sue Gilson is happily making the Irish Wolfhound wreaths for those donating \$100 to The Club and will be mailing those out as they are completed.

JL also brought up a request to have a virtual dog show to be held on Facebook. It would be open to anyone wishing to take the time to video their dogs and submit to the virtual show chairs. This event will be managed by Pat Scelso and Julie Schaeffer. There will be a conformation section and a more fun section for those who do not regularly show their hounds. Entries are \$5.00 and will be paid via PayPal only. Photos are sent to Julie who will upload to the FB page created just for the show. Anyone can view the photos and enjoy watching "virtually".

AD suggested that the judge for the conformation section be offered to Rosemary Wortman. JL will reach out to Rosemary and make sure she is ok to do it and has help on a computer to view the entries.

Meeting Minutes:

PC moved the motion to accept the meeting minutes of July 25, 2020 as written. KE seconds and the motions was accepted unanimously.

Old Business:

JM brought up the scholarship initiative, and the discussion was largely around logistics of the program. JM went on to discuss funding and how The Club needs to understand how much money can and should be made available for the students. Currently, the amount received on dues is not enough to sustain The Club and the Janney Fund has been necessary to survive. Given this scenario the scholarship fund may not be sustainable. PC commented that the program and criteria design need to be in place to make the assessment on whether the initiative can move forward. The idea of putting it "on paper" and reviewing with the members was agreed by all board members. AD recommended a panel to review the applicants, and to be sure to include other veterinarians such as Jen Sula. JM agreed to draft a white paper to be reviewed with AD and CB. CB stated her kennel club has such a scholarship in place and can offer her knowledge to help put the plan in motion.

JF asked if the money cannot be taken out of the principal for the scholarship fund, as this is an educational club. Some educational deductions could be tax deductible. Discussion continued around the ramifications of withdrawals and other criteria for the initiative with all board members agreeing to open discussion with members to hear their opinions and concerns, and general interest.

JM let the board know that she was still awaiting details of bank checks to complete her full review of the previous years' accounting practices.

PC moved the motion to adjourn. KE seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted and approved: NOVEMBER 7, 2020

Joni Light

IWANE Secretary