

IWANE Membership Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Conference Call ~ November 7, 2020

Call to Order:

The IWANE president called the membership meeting to order at approximately 1:06pm. 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)

In addition to the board, the following members were present: Jen Sula, Jill Bregy, Sherry Mayo, Justine Corchado, John Kelly, Tricia Kelly, Julie Schaeffer, Clary, Healy, Lee Leobelenz, Nancy Fitzgerald, Shea Lambirth, Kristol Ballod, Lauren Swick, Judy Mazurkiewicz, Evie Jimenez.

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. Items discussed per the agenda and in slightly different order noted in bold below.

Opening Remarks and Officer's Reports:

AD welcomed recently approved new member, Lauren Swick. AD also informed members that long term member, Sue Orr, is in a rehab facility. Anyone wishing to reach out to her can get her information from Karen Eberl.

JM reviewed the financial health of The Club and informed members that the current assets in the Hicks Trust are approximately \$514,046. The bank balance is at \$34,176. Budget planning has been challenging due to the pandemic and banks not being at capacity to answer questions and run reports. Additionally, the Fun Match and the Specialty bring in revenue.

After a review of previous years, JM found that much of the money spent that was not accounted for in 2013, 2014 and 2015, can be attributed to the rescue of the Texas 72, and additional research projects that the previous board approved. She found that approximately 98% of all transactions have been accounted for and is noted in the attached financial document. As a result of her audit, the board has voted to create a special committee to oversee annual procedures, ensure transparency in The Club's financial health with members, and to align with procedures in place of other non-profit organizations. This is clearly stated in the revised bylaws.

AD stated that there has been no activity on rescues and nothing to report. There has been an increased interest in Irish Wolfhound puppies and rescues this past year. A list is being maintained after lengthy conversations of potential "puppy people" by all members of the board. However, she asked members to let the secretary know of any known or planned litters so that we can advise those on the wait lists who to contact.

Meeting Minutes:

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

Committee Reports:

As part of the Fundraising Committee's endeavors, JL shared with members the FB group for IWANE Virtual Match that is being championed by Pat Scelso and Julie Schaeffer. The idea is to give people an opportunity to show their hounds in absence of conformation shows, perhaps get some practice in, and the small monetary donation could offset club revenues in what would have been collected at the Fun Match. Pat Scelso went into more detail and asked that photos and videos be send to Julie for posting to the categories

on the page. The match is not just conformation. There will be an opportunity to share “fun” photos, as well. Closing date is November 13, 2020. Conformation will be judged by Karen Eberl, and the fun photo categories will be judged by Justine Corchado. Payment should be made via the PayPal link, and photos will be posted to the website after the winners are announced. All of this is outlined on the FB page, and anyone can enter.

JL let members know the 2021 Calendar sales were a huge hit and to date the proceeds exceed \$1,000.00. The plan is to continue this again for next year. There will be no Christmas wreaths this year due to costs and availability of materials.

As specialty chair, KE discussed the specialty for 2021. Note that the dates are **August 29 and 30!** It will be in the same location in Windsor, CT. The conformation judge is Fred Vogel and the sweeps judge is Andra O’Connell. There will not be heart testing this year for a variety of reasons. Mostly because there is a possibility that the pandemic may still restrict travel by this time, and it’s best not to confirm the vet and the additional room rental should we be in a position to cancel – it’s a hefty charge. That said, KE is in search of a show secretary and hoping members can brainstorm and help with some names. We are also looking into Fast Cat as an additional event which can be accommodated at this location at no extra charge. It will be open to other breeds.

AD let members know that KE is the nominating committee chair for next year and will be reaching out for two additional members. AD announced that the board approved a second special committee. The Scholarship Committee is in place and is currently looking at building criteria for awarding scholarships to veterinary students who will want to specialize in large/giant breed dogs. The expectation is to build a relationship with these students and new vets who can participate, guide and consult on the Irish Wolfhound.

New Business:

AD shared with members the revised bylaws document. This was discussed in detail and JL explained each of the areas that were changed. There was lengthy discussion on the proposed changes.

At the end of the discussion, Evie Jimenez moved the motion to accept the proposed changes to the IWANE bylaws for submission to the AKC. KE seconded. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Old Business:

AD shared the results of the specialty questionnaire that was sent out to all members. Out of the 17 submissions, 12 voted to keep the specialty location in CT for one specialty to be held over two days. There were 5 who voted for the NH location for a two specialty show, not necessarily over two days.

For the 2021 supported entries, AD told members that it was preferred to keep the sponsorship to outdoor shows due to Covid. There was some discussion around where to hold sponsorship. The five shows will be: South Shore KC in the cape, St. Hubert’s KC in CT, The Hound Show in NY, Green Mountain KC in VT, and Wampanoag in MA.

JL moved the motion to accept the five supported entries for 2021. Jill Bregy seconded. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The general meeting was adjourned at 2:43pm by a motion made by PC and seconded by Judy Mazurkiewicz .

Submitted and approved: April 24, 2021
Joni Light