

IWANE Board Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom Conference Call ~ April 24, 2021

Call to Order:

The IWANE president called the meeting to order at approximately 11:06am. The following board members were present: Andrea Dormady (AD), Janel Milner (JM), Joni Light (JL), Colleen Brown (CB), John Fitzgerald (JF), Karen Eberl (KE). Pat Campbell (PC) was absent.

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. The items discussed per the agenda and may be in slightly different order as noted below.

Officers' Reports:

JM shared the treasurer's report for 2020 and provided information on status of the Club's financials. Discussion involved the annual deduction from the Janney Fund, and the board continues to support the "one deduction" per year when the market is good. Additional thoughts from JM included opening a high interest checking account, like a "money market" account, that will build up what the Club needs and ultimately reduce the need to make a deduction from the Janney Fund. JM said rescue costs this year in the amount of \$324.00 were for Chloe in 2020.

Janney balance as of April 1, 2021	\$558,467.13
Not included in this balance is the annual withdrawal of \$25,000.00.	
Bank of America balance as of April 1, 2021	\$36,119.38
Rescue donation balance	\$8,284.81
Trophy donation balance	\$1,633.20

KE moved the motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. CB seconded. Report was accepted by membership with a unanimous vote.

New Member Approvals:

AD presented three new members for approval by the board. Olivia Edmundson from Rhode Island, June LaCombe from Maine, and Dona Reis from New York.

JM moved the motion to accept all three new members to IWANE as associate members. CB seconded. Members accepted with a unanimous vote.

Discussion continued around the membership body and membership dues. AD noted that the membership did approve to increase membership at the November meeting. However, there was no confirmation of what that increase amount would be, or when it would be increased. JM said she is in favor as the Club needs to start relying more on their own merit of providing revenues to cover club costs, rather than relying on the Janney Fund. JM noted that there has not been an increase in dues for as long as she has been a member. Discussion continued around an amount, and it was decided to consider \$35.00 for regular members, and \$30.00 for associate members. JM would like to have this in place for 2022 renewals.

JL moved the motion to accept an increase in dues and to present it to the membership for discussion and acceptance. CB seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

JM shared information on the two recently created committees and has met with each of them at least once. JM is excited about the people participating and they have already put out some significant guidelines for both the finance committee and scholarship committee. JM is the club liaison for both committees. JM suggested a separate board meeting to dig deeper into both committees.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2021 & February 4, 2021:

KE moved the motion to accept the meeting minutes of both January 14, 2021, and February 4, 2021 as written. JM seconded. Minutes accepted by membership with a unanimous vote.

Fun Match Committee:

JL told the board that the 4H fairgrounds in Westford, MA is still closed down due to Covid-19. The board discussed options at their meeting earlier on this date, and it was decided that we will move forward with the Fun Match this year on June 19, 2021. AD offered her home for a place to hold the event. She also suggested a blanket request to members for suggestions or offerings of their home. JL said she'll mention at the meeting and outline specifically in an email with the meeting minutes. If there is no other option the Fun Match will be held at Andrea's home in Duxbury, MA. JM said there is money available to provide a porta-potty at the event. AD said she has tents, as did JL and KE.

Fundraising Committee:

JL shared the ongoing efforts with the calendars, ideas for other items to potentially sell through the FB group page, and the specialty. JM said she has an embroidery company who would be willing to help out with some logo clothing pieces, and they can add their URL to our website for members to purchase directly through them. She will send JL that information to make contact.

Specialty Committee:

KE told the board that there is a conflict on our new August dates with the saluki club who hold their four-day event at the Showcase for Dogs each year. However, the property owner said we would move to the other ring site and there was still plenty of room for both events. KE said she will provide a trophy list to solicit sponsors. KE confirmed that there are rooms blocked at the Marriott. Covid protocols will be followed at the show. KE will look into the Fast Cat for 2022 show.

New Business:

JL wanted to review the breeder referral list. This will be done annually to ensure breeders are still active, willing to answer questions for potential puppy owners, etc.

JF discussed the recent Facebook melee regarding the rescue hound in CT. He received comments from people about it, as did other board members. There was a lot of discussion on many Irish Wolfhound group pages, not all of it supportive to the person looking to home the hound. AD went to those group pages to understand the situation and did see some harsh comments. However, she noted that she did not see any IWANE members on those group pages. KE said that Jean Minnier had been contacted. AD reiterated that there should be no posts about rescue animals on the IWANE group page. JL said the rules include that paragraph, and all members have to acknowledge the rules before they are accepted as a member of the page. AD said she would bring this up at the member meeting so that those on the FB page know that rescue posts are not allowed, and that perhaps should notify one of the administrators as they are not always able to "police" the site.

KE moved the motion to adjourn the board meeting. JM seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38pm.

Submitted and approved on August 1, 2021: Next meeting, August 29, 2021

Joni Light

IWANE Secretary