

**IWANE Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Conference Call ~ January 14, 2021**

**Call to Order:**

The IWANE president called the board meeting to order at 6:14pm. The following board members were present: Andrea Dormady (AD), Janel Milner (JM), Colleen Brown (CB), Joni Light (JL), Karen Eberl (KE), Pat Campbell (PC), and John Fitzgerald (JF), and arrived at 6:17pm.

**Agenda:**

A conference call was scheduled in conjunction with the general meeting procedures as per IWANE bylaws, Article II, Section 3. JL was recording the minutes. IWANE will be referred to as "The Club" henceforth. Topics of discussion included a financial review, committee reports and new memberships.

**Committee Reports:**

JM went through The Club's financial health. The good news is that there was a rebound on investments to the Hick's Trust, and it is doing well with a balance of \$526,301.81. The checking account balance is \$34,503.00 with the Rescue Fund at approximately \$4,100.00, and \$400.00 in Research.

JM explained that the dues notices will go out but will not include bills for open trophy sponsors. AD suggested coordinating with Pat Scelso and Mike Meyer for the list of sponsors and a list of trophies that will need a sponsor. JM prefers that people send in trophy payments separate from the dues until we are all better organized to accommodate payments through PayPal. JL said she is working on getting the drop down menu on the PayPal account, and will update the website to include a link to the IWANE PayPal page. The list will include fields for Dues, Donations, Rescue, Trophy. Until it is updated, JL will ensure people using PayPal use the notes section to confirm their payment to any of these funds.

JM discussed her progress with the budget for 2021 and plans to have that ready for the next membership meeting scheduled for April. She did suggest that dues may be increased for 2022. AD confirmed that the heart testing should be included in the budget each year as this was approved by the membership to be an annual donation to IWF for IWANE members out of the Hick's Trust. There was discussion on when to withdraw funds for the heart testing for 2022, as the 2021 Specialty will not have heart testing. JM wants to ensure the budget is in place before making any recommendation.

**New Membership:**

AD put forth four new members for approval. Mary Zita-Reedy is a former IWANE member, and Beth Mershon is a new member and new owner of one of AD's puppies.

CB moved the motion to accept Mary Zita-Reedy and Beth Mershon as associate members. JF seconded and the motion was accepted unanimously.

Additionally, husband and wife, Robert and Wendy Slater are new owners having picked up a puppy from Josie Lee's last litter. The board approved both new associate memberships unanimously. JL said she will send out welcome letters.

JF moved the motion to accept the Slaters as associate members. JL seconded and the motion was accepted unanimously.

AD said the nominating committee and the new slate recommendation need to go out to members. JL said she will include it with the meeting minutes from November to all members.

KE discussed the Specialty and everything was moving along and on target for August.

JL reviewed the fundraising events and confirmed that the calendar sales topped \$1,800.00 after costs. Additionally, the Virtual Match that was championed by Pat Scelso and Julie Schaeffer was a hit and raised more than \$500.00, including many international entries. The Fun Match is set to go on and we will be looking for a judge for the sanction match. AD suggested reached out to the Johnsons.

JL has updated the website to include meeting minutes for both board meetings and membership meetings.

**New Business:**

AD and JL said they are receiving a lot of breeder referrals and people looking for more information on puppies. Please let AD and JL know of any litters being planned for 2021.

CB said she has a speaker for the annual meeting in April on CBD. This is an educational program and there was discussion on this and others. The board unanimously agreed to get more educational programs included on meetings, even as meetings are continuing on conference calls.

PC moved the meeting to adjourn. KE seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm by unanimous acceptance.

Submitted and approved:

Next board meeting

*Joni Light*

IWANE Secretary