

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

**Call to Order:**

The IWANE president called the membership meeting to order at approximately 1:04pm. 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.

In addition to the board, the following members were present: Karen James, Clary Healy, John Kelley, Tricia Kelley, Evie Jimenez, Kristol Ballod, Ross Moxon, Mike Meyer, Pat Scelso, Sherry Mayo, Stuart Gilson, Sue Gilson, Susan Comito, Robert Slater, Wendy Slater, Justine Corchado, Jill Bregy, Shea Lambirth, Bev Alba, Rosemary Wortman.

Special guest and presenter: Christine Harootunian.

**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.

**Educational Presentation:**

Christine Harootunian, PhD, and owner of Best CBD for Fido shared her presentation of science-based cannabis use for dogs. Members wishing to contact her can do so at her email: [info@bestcbdforfido.com](mailto:info@bestcbdforfido.com)

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 7, 2020**

CB moved the motion to accept the meeting minutes of November 7, 2020, as written. JM seconded. Minutes accepted by membership with a unanimous vote.

**Officers' Reports:**

JM shared the treasurer's report for 2020 and provided information on status of the Club's financials.

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.

JM shared information on the two recently created committees. The first one being the Finance Committee that has met as a group to set goals and guidelines. Additionally, the made significant progress in processes, which identified ways to be more accountable for club, finances. The second committee is the Scholarship Committee. Volunteer members are Bev Alba, Jen Sula, Carole Silverthorne, and Janel Milner as board liaison. They have been in contact with Tufts to understand a process. This will be reviewed further as Tufts wants authority to disperse the scholarship funds through their own fiduciary establishment.

**Rescue Update:**

AD made clear The Club's position on rescue. That policy can be found on the IWANE website. Specifically, AD gave an update on the Irish Wolfhound that was looking to be placed from CT after the death of the owner. This was posted, not by an IWANE member, onto various Facebook group pages. The person was contacted by Jean Minnier, and it should be noted that the person was not happy about the barrage of unacceptable comments from many in the wolfhound community. It should be understood that in any case of a rescue the person should be directed to either Andrea Dormady, if within New England footprint, or Jean Minnier. In all cases IWANE members should be respectful and never act on behalf of the IWANE club in a negative manner.

### **Fundraising Committee:**

JL shared with members that there are plans underway for the 2022 IWANE calendar and other items that will be offered for sale at the Fun Match, as well as the Specialty show. The committee is looking into providing direct links for some of the items to be purchased directly from our FB group page and website. This committee comprises of Sue Gilson, Pat Scelso, Justine Corchado, and Joni Light is the board liaison. Please reach out to any one of these members with questions, suggestions, etc.

### **Fun Match Committee:**

JL told members 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. However, we are soliciting offers from members who may have enough property to host the event at their home. Andrea Dormady offered her home as she has enough enclosed property to host the event and accommodate dogs in a sanctioned match. Please reach out to Joni Light if you are interested in hosting the event, or if you have other suggestions. The next membership meeting will also be held at the Fun Match on this date. Newcomers and non-members interested in the breed are welcome, as always. This committee comprises of Pat Scelso, Justine Corchado, Clary Healy, and Joni Light is the board liaison. Again, please feel free to reach out to any one of these members with questions, suggestions, etc.

### **Specialty Committee:**

KE described the events of the day which will be held at Showcase for Dogs, 121 N Road (Route 140), East Windsor, CT, for August 29 & 30. However, we will not be showing in the first field as previous due to conflicting four day show with the Saluki Club. KE explained that Covid protocols will be followed, and there will be signs, instructions, and additional information at check in. There will likely be a separate table for temperature checks, hand sanitizer and extra masks available. Additionally, KE will send out the trophy list for those available for sponsorship.

### **New Business:**

AD asked members to seriously consider increasing membership dues. As a reminder, this was discussed at the November meeting and all members at the meeting agreed that it is time for an increase in dues. AD shared with members that the board met and would consider increasing regular membership dues to \$35.00, and associate membership dues to \$30.00. Jill Bregy asked to confirm the current cost of dues and AD confirmed it to be \$20.00. Evie Jimenez asked for clarification as to why the board is asking for the increase for those who may not know the history. AD and JM confirmed that the dues had not been increased for several years, if at all, and that it was time to be more dependent on dues and fundraising for the operation of the club rather than to be dependent on the Janney Fund to cover costs. JM added that this board is committed to controlling expenses. AD informed the membership that new members have increased by 23 new associate members since January 2020. Jill Bregy added that it is important for the health of the Club that members continue to solicit new members interested in the breed.

A motion was made by CB to increase regular member dues to \$35.00 and increase associate member dues to \$30.00. JL seconded. During discussion JM reminded the board and membership that in practice no motions will be solicited for any "new business" as part of our meetings. In agreement, CB rescinded her motion. This will be shelved for discussion and vote at the next member meeting.

AD confirmed that the next member meeting will be at the Fun Match which is scheduled for June 19. As the location is still in question, there was discussion on whether or not to hold a partial Zoom meeting for those unable to attend the Fun Match event. AD said there was an increase in meeting participation with the use of video conferencing. This will be reviewed, and AD asked members to send concerns, suggestions, or any offers to hold the event at a member's home, to Joni Light.

Jill Bregy asked that as the specialty will hold the event following Covid protocols, so should the Fun Match. KE said that the meeting will be in person, but a survey could be sent to members not able to attend in person for

the vote on dues increase. Wendy Slater commented that she will not likely be at the shows, but as she would like to participate in Club meetings, she prefers to have the option of attending via video conferencing.

KE updated the members on the St. Hubert's show, which is a supported entry, has a showing of 24 wolfhounds on Saturday and 11 on Sunday. She sends her thanks to everyone participating.

Pat Scelso moved the motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen James seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Submitted and approved: August 29, 2021

*Joni Light*  
IWANE Secretary