

IWANE Membership Meeting Minutes
Showcase for Dogs, East Windsor, CT ~ August 29, 2021

Call to Order:

The IWANE president called the membership meeting to order at approximately 1:11pm. The following board members were present: Andrea Dormady (AD); Colleen Brown (CB); Janel Milner (JM); Karen Eberl (KE); John Fitzgerald (JF); and Joni Light (JL).

The following members were present: Dolores Kane, Pasquale Scelso, Mike Meyer, Donna Sula, Jennifer Sula, Susan Gilson, Stu Gilson, Marc Campbell, Pat Campbell, Paul Hayes, Evelyn Jimenez, Sherry Mayo, Julie Schaeffer, Jeanne Patterson, CathiJo Jacobson, Bill Wimsatt, Clary Healy, Carole Silverthorne, Lisa Forman, Michael Dormady. New member: Rene Gannon-Burke.

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. Agenda items may be in slightly different order than noted.

Opening Remarks:

AD opened the discussion and told members that the board is working on job descriptions and committee summaries that will be forthcoming to the website. This is a way for members to take a look at the responsibilities of board positions and committees for anyone interested in getting more involved with club activities.

Additionally, she welcomed in two newly approved members, Renee Gannon-Burke from New York, who was present at the meeting, and Alan Coffel from Maryland.

Board Reports:

JM handed out details of The Club's financial status. She confirmed that 2021 taxes had been filed. JM moved the discussion to the finance committee that was put in place by membership vote last year. Currently, the committee is working on best practices as a way to keep "checks and balances" in place for compliance of our articles of incorporation.

Moving on to the scholarship committee, JM explained the challenges that the committee is faced with if choosing Tufts due to their stipulation to control the donation and therefore the process. The committee will proceed in putting together criteria and will meet again to discuss options and whether or not The Club can actually establish the scholarship fund as planned. Lisa Forman asked about the criteria for choosing a veterinarian institution and suggested University of Pennsylvania who may be willing to work with IWANE. Likewise, Jen Sula suggested New England Veterinarian, and will follow up as a committee member. Discussion continued around health advances of sighthounds.

After review of the treasurer's report, KE moved the motion to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. PC seconded and the members approved unanimously.

JL reminded members that the fundraising is in full swing with the 2022 calendars that are at the boutique for the specialty. Online orders will be accepted after the show; however, an additional fee will be added for shipping. Also at the boutique are IWANE coffee mugs with Sue Gilson's artwork. JL explained that the mugs are offered for a limited time. She also asked if anyone wanted to help with the

fundraising committee to let her know as they are always looking for other good ideas. Last year the calendars brought in approximately \$2,000.00 in donations to The Club.

JL informed members that IWANE now has the ability to hold Fast CAT events having just received approval from the AKC. The first trial will be on September 26 up in Maine. Bill Wimsatt is working with JL to put together events and work out what is needed to make this another event offering to members. There is a lot of planning involved and a lot of manpower needed. Anyone interested in helping in this endeavor please contact JL or Bill Wimsatt and look for more information on the website and FB page. Paul Hayes suggested that IWANE look into a sweatshirt that Donna Sula happened to be wearing. Ideas such as these are great knowing what members would like in IW clothing.

New Business:

AD started a discussion on the judges for 2022 and 2023. As The Club has a contract with Rebecca Peak for next year, due to the pandemic and the potential for travel restrictions that could still be enforced AD suggested to members that we reconsider our alternating domestic/international judge assignment and remain with a domestic judge for 2022. That would push out Rebecca Peak to 2023, but the likelihood that she would not be inconvenienced to quarantine or have to cancel unexpectedly due to the Covid crisis may be lessened in a years' time. After significant discussion on the shift in domestic v. international judging assignments, AD asked for a motion. Several names were brought up and it was agreed that a final suggested panel will be included in a Survey Monkey available to voting members. As timing is important in order to secure judges, the survey will be available on September 4 and will close on September 11.

PC moved the motion to go outside The Club rules and have a domestic judge for the specialty in 2022 and an international judge for 2023. KE seconded. The motion passed however it was not unanimous. (Lisa Forman opposed)

Approval of member meeting minutes:

JF moved the motion to accept the meeting minutes of April 24, 2021; KE seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

JF moved the motion to accept the meeting minutes of June 19, 2021; KE seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

William Holmes Memorial Sportsmanship Award:

AD delighted in sharing with members that the recipient for this year was Justine Corchado. Justine has been a welcome addition with her bright and upbeat participation in taking on the Hospitality role for The Club. In addition, she is always available to help with other events at a moment's notice.

Old Business - Vote on Membership Dues:

JM mentioned that at the last membership meeting the discussion on dues was overwhelmingly in favor of an increase. That said, it is club practice discuss a new concept at one meeting and then vote at a subsequent meeting. Members were in favor of an increase for regular membership to \$35.00 and an increase for associate membership to \$30.00.

JM moved the motion to increase regular member dues to \$35.00 and increase associate member dues to \$30.00. KE seconded. The motion passed; however, it was not unanimous. (Paul Hayes opposed)

Before closing the meeting, KE commented that while the show site will be at the Showcase for Dogs again next year, the date may change due to the conflict with the Saluki Club specialty sharing the weekend. AD said more to come on this as discussions continue with the site owner and the AKC.

The next member meeting will be held on November 13 and will be held via Zoom. Agenda to follow.

Motion to adjourn was moved by Pat Campbell and seconded by Jen Sula. Meeting adjourned at 2:17pm.

Submitted and approved: November 13, 2021

Joni Light
IWANE Secretary