

IWANE Membership Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2022 ~ Zoom Conference Call

Call to Order:

The IWANE president called the membership meeting to order at approximately 1:00pm. The following board members were present: Andrea Dormady (AD); Colleen Brown (CB); Karen Eberl (KE); John Fitzgerald (JF); and Joni Light (JL). Janel Milner (JM) was absent.

The following members were present: Jill Bregy, John Kelly, Tricia Kelly, Sherry Mayo, Sue Gilson, Stuart Gilson, Kristol Ballod, Ross Moxon, Pat Campbell, Bill Wimsatt, Beth Wimsatt, Thom Cusack, Lisa Foreman, Judy M., Pat Scelso, Mike Meyer, Clary Healy, Jen Sula, Nancy Fitzgerald, Susan Forzano, Lee Loebelenz. Guests: Duncan Gannon, Sybil Owens, Karen Cohen, Amy Archambault

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 welcomed members to the first annual meeting of IWANE for 2022 calendar year. She noted that once all the memberships have been tallied a revised membership list will be send to all members. This will include the new members that were approved by the board at today's board meeting. Worth noting is that in this past year the Club has increased membership by approximately 22 members.

New members approved on this date are listed below. Several in attendance for this meeting. AD also noted four associate members who moved up to regular memberships.

New member to welcome: Sybil Owens and Kevin Owens, Amy Archambault, Lisa Jones, Duncan Gannon, Karen and Seth Cohen, Sheryl Savino, Sarah Heil and Luke Soehnlén, and Kelly Richard. New regular members to congratulate: Thom Cusack, Clary Healey, Bill ad Beth Wimsatt.

Board Reports:

AD reviewed the Club financials in the absence of our treasurer. Additional conversation focused on financial support for trophy sponsorships, and details of available trophies will be sent to members.

JL shared information on IWANE's first official Fast CAT event that is taking place in Gorham, Maine on May 21 and May 22. We are looking forward to holding this event and have plans to include a Fast CAT trial at our annual Specialty in September. This is open to all breeds and is a fast-growing event that the AKC introduce back in 2016. The event team consists of JL, AD, Beth and Bill Wimsatt. After a brief explanation of the event and required roles, JL petitioned the members for anyone willing to help and get involved to please reach out to any of the event team.

JL went on to share an update on the first "Meet & Greet" that took place in Kennebunk, Maine on April 2. There were six or seven Irish Wolfhounds, and a handful of "posers" who enjoyed the fresh Maine air. It was a great time to socialize the hounds and people! JL told members that there will be another Meet & Greet sometime in the fall, and anyone who knows of dog friendly trails that can accommodate a half dozen or more Irish Wolfhounds to please reach out.

Next topic of discussion was on the annual Fun Match which will take place at the 4H Middlesex County Fairgrounds in Westford, MA on June 18. The Fun Match committee consists of JL, Sue Gilson, Justine Corchado, Clary Healey and Pat Scelso. JL told members that there were several events planned in addition to the next annual club meeting. JL also reminded members that they will be soliciting nominations for the Sportsman Award of the Year.

KE discussed the Specialty which will be held at the Showcase for Dogs in East Windsor, CT on September 18 and September 19. The conformation judge is Jamie Souza Bartlett, and sweepstake judge will be Joe Roland. There will be heart testing at the specialty.

AD updated the members on rescue news and was pleased to confirm that there were none in the past year!

Meeting Minutes:

KE moved the motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 13, 2021, as written. Pat Scelso seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. NOTE: All approved meeting minutes are on the Club website in About IWANE > Membership Correspondence > Members.

New Business:

AD told members that the Club purchased timing equipment that was required by the AKC to have for Fast CAT events. This new requirement took effect in March of this year. As Fast CAT is a timed event, the equipment needed provides for more accurate time measurement for your dogs' run.

New member, Duncan Gannon, commented on his participation in the Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade, and would love to get others to participate. Duncan and his Irish Wolfhound, Isabel, marched in the 2022 parade. AD explained that the St. Patrick's Day parades are coordinated by Karen Eberl and Joni Light and are happy to have help with organizing events through the New England footprint.

The member meeting was adjourned at 1:38pm by a motion by CB and seconded by KE.

Submitted and approved:

Approved on June 12, 2022

Joni Light

IWANE Secretary