

**IWANE Board Meeting Minutes  
Via Zoom Conference Call ~ April 24, 2022**

**Call to Order:**

The IWANE president called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00am. The following board members were present: Andrea Dormady (AD), Joni Light (JL), Colleen Brown (CB), John Fitzgerald (JF), Karen Eberl (KE), Karen James (KJ). Absent: Janel Milner (JM)

**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.

**Member Approvals:**

AD opened the meeting with new member applicants. AD stated the names and background to the board to review. Those members are as follows:

Kelly Richard, Fairfield, ME.

Sarah Heil, Westbrook, ME.

Luke Soehnlén, Westbrook, ME.

Seth Cohen, Peabody, MA

Karen-Marie Cohen, Peabody, MA

Sybil Owens, Marshfield, MA

Kevin Owens, Marshfield, MA

Amy Archambault, Lincoln, RI

Sheryl Savino, Windham, CT

Duncan Gannon, Derby Line, VT

CB moved the motion to approve all applicants set before the board to associate members (listed above). KE seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

AD then stated the names of those four associate members who were seeking regular membership. Those members are listed below with their sponsors as follows:

Bill Wimsatt, associate to regular member. Sponsored by Andrea and Joni.

Beth Wimsatt, associate to regular member. Sponsored by Andrea and Joni.

Thom Cusack, associate to regular member. Sponsored by Andrea and Joni.

Clary Healey, associate to regular member. Sponsored by Andrea and Joni.

CB moved the motion to approve all associate members set before the board (listed above) to regular membership status. KE seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

CB moved the motion to accept the meeting minutes of August 21, 2021, as written. JF seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

CB moved the motion to accept the meeting minutes of November 13, 2021, as written. KE seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

CB moved the motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 4, 2021, as written. KE seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Board/Committee Reports:**

JF asked for a status on the insurance consolidation to sportsman insurance. JM said that the bond is being moved and is up to date.

After a review of the operating account and the trust, CB asked if the plan was to wait until after the show to make the withdrawal that was previously approved by the board. AD said that it was voted, and the withdrawal should have been executed. JF asked for clarification on the strategy of annual withdrawals and if the plan was to withdraw only the proceeds if the club closing the fiscal year "in the black." AD explained we would always leave the initial amount of the trust which is \$500K, and withdraw the interest, or the variance. AD also explained that it would be asked of the membership as to where that money should be gifted, for example, the Irish Wolfhound Foundation. Initially it was planned to fund a scholarship but that turned out to be more challenging and the club will not be undertaking this fund at this time.

AD told the board that she will not be able to attend the Fun Match on June 18, and that the member meeting will have to be chaired by CB. JL said the Fun Match committee was working on the agenda and events, and that the match will be at the 4H Fairgrounds in Westford, MA. They honored our event which was cancelled in 2020 due to Covid, and they kept payment for the day. KE told JL that she would provide her with the Fun Match supplies that she had in her storage bins.

Moving onto the specialty, AD told the board that she had a request from Cathi Jo Jacobson to hold a Rally event at this year's specialty at the Showcase for Dogs. She explained that she will be willing to help out with CB who has experience in Rally. CB asked if Rally would be held after Fast CAT on Saturday and a discussion continued on coordination and requirements for Rally. CB said she had the equipment and would need to find a local judge. Additionally, the event will need a specialty event number from AKC. KE asked how many wolfhounds were needed to hold a qualifying event. CD said that we would need 3 hounds, and she will have one of hers entered. JF reminded everyone to provide signage to keep dogs away for safety purposes.

KE said she will need a separate listing for Fast CAT but will include it and mail it with the specialty entry form. JL said that she secured a photographer for Fast CAT and she may be willing to stay for Rally, and perhaps be available for our conformation show in the future. She is a MA resident and would charge the same as she did for Fast CAT in Maine which was the cost of photo purchases. There is no charge for her time.

JL said she would share with members that we need helpers at our events. Specifically Fast CAT and the Specialty, which will also have heart testing this year. Volunteers are in demand.

JF asked about the picture of Linda Sousa that will be presented to her daughter, Jamie Bartlett, who is our conformation judge. He suggested the photo of Linda's "heart hound," Frost. Additionally, with discussion on Fast CAT and Rally, JF mentioned that one of the members of

his kennel club offered her property in Rehoboth for such events. He provided the board with the address and AD said she would look at it, and everyone was grateful for the offer.

JL shared with the board the AKC requirement of timing systems for Fast CAT events, and those analog timers would no longer be acceptable to hold events. Clubs that offer this event must have such a timing system called "lights" as they measure speed using infrared technology on the beginning and end of the run. No clubs will be allowed to hold events without this timing system which cost upwards of \$1,500. Bill Wimsatt was able to purchase a state-of-the-art system for less than \$1,000. JL asked the board to reimburse Bill for the cost and that the club would own the system to be used and even potentially "rented out" to other clubs. AD explained that the AKC does require clubs to have redundancy timers, i.e., analog timers, in the event of an equipment failure. Initially, JL was going to move the motion to approve the reimbursement for the equipment but as discussions continued, AD and others felt this was part of the expense of holding the events and should be paid by the club. KE asked the board for approval of the expense and CB seconded. The board approved it unanimously.

JL asked that the board continue to think about their job descriptions, and she would provide as final review as this board promised to post such descriptions on the website to be available to members.

CB asked if there was still a need for donations for the IWCA National basket. AD said yes and people were still giving donations.

KE moved the motion to adjourn at 12:21pm. KJ seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Submitted and approved:      Next meeting - June 18, 2022

*Joni Light*

IWANE Secretary