**IWANE Member Meeting**

**September 18, 2022, ~ Showcase for Dogs**

**Call to Order:**

The IWANE vice-president called the membership meeting to order at approximately 12:53pm. The following board members were present: Janel Milner (JM), Andrea Dormady (AD), Karen Eberl (KE), Beth Wimsatt (BW), and Joni Light (JL). Colleen Brown (CB) and Lee Loebelenz (LL) were absent.

The following members were present: Evie Jimenez, Mike Meyer, Pat Scelso, Pat Campbell, Marc Campbell, Kristol Ballod, Ross Moxon, Michael Dormady, Sue Gilson, Stu Gilson, Jane Cottrell, Beverly Alba, Valerie Schiller, John Fitzgerald, Tanya Hart Newkirk, Amy Archambault, Clary Healy, Susan Forzano Estelle Flynn, Lisa Dube Forman, Donna Sula, Jen Sula, Bill Wimsatt, Sherry Mayo

Guest: Linda O’Neill

**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 meeting with a welcome to newly approved associate members, Jane Cottrell ad Alesia Napier.

Moving into committee and board reports, JM went through the club financials. Documents are attached.

Bill Wimsatt spoke on the All-Breed Fast CAT/CABT that is planned for November 12 and November 13. It will be held on private property in Gorham, Maine. The next trials are planned for CT, and NH locations are currently being reviewed.

JL reminder members that the 2023 IWANE calendars are available for a special price at the show. Online orders will continue to be accepted after September 19 until stock runs out. Additionally, a Meet & Greet is planned for November 5 in St. Johnsbury, VT at Dog Mountain. Duncan Gannon, who could not make the meeting, will be coordinating the event. JL told members that information on Fast CAT/CABT, calendar sales, and Meet & Greet will be posted on our club FB page and website.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2022:**

Bill Wimsatt moved the motion to accept the meeting minutes as written. JL seconded. The motion was accepted unanimously.

**Old Business:**

Members were asked to vote anonymously on sweepstakes and conformation judges for 2024. The nominees for sweepstakes: Eric Steele, Tina Berry, Tammy McNeely. Members voted in Tina Berry. The nominees for conformation: Michael Canalizo, Ann Gallant, Ellen Kroll. The members voted in Ann Gallant.

AD asked members to consider the three organizations voted by the board with member input for IWANE to make an annual donation. Donations will be made based upon the percentage of votes. The three organizations: Irish Wolfhound Foundation, Irish Wolfhound Database (IWDB.org), and the AKC Scholarship Fund. Jen Sula weighed in on her experience to consider local scholarships to potentially expand on the New England population of veterinarians. Discussion continued with several members commenting on the topic.

Organizations voted in order from highest vote to lowest: IWF took the majority, IWDB.org, and the AKC scholarship.

**New Business:**

The William Holmes Memorial Sportsmanship Award for 2022 was granted to Bill Wimsatt.

AD confirmed to members that the 2023 specialty will be held on June 11 & June 12. It was approved by the IWCA at the last meeting. This means the annual fun match that usually takes place in June will now move to September. The specialty will be held at the Showcase for Dogs, while locations are being reviewed for the fun match.

The member meeting was adjourned at 1:39pm by a motion by Bill Wimsatt and seconded by Stu Gilson.

Submitted and approved: Approved on December 4, 2022

Joni Light

IWANE Secretary