**IWANE Board Meeting Minutes**

**Via Zoom Conference Call ~ November 27, 2022**

**Call to Order:**

The IWANE president called the meeting to order at approximately 5:41pm. The following board members were present: Andrea Dormady (AD), Joni Light (JL), Colleen Brown (CB), Lee Leobolenz (LL), Karen Eberl (KE), Beth Wimsatt (BW) and 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.

**Nominations for 2023 Board:**

JL offered to be the nomination committee chair this year. The current board was asked if they would remain through 2023. JM and KE said they would step down. BW said she would take over as treasurer, and a new person would be solicited to fill the vacant BOD position. CB said she would remain as president. JL said she would remain as secretary. LL said she would remain as BOD. AD said she would remain in one of the vacant BOD positions, or the VP position if we cannot find a person to fill it.

**Hick’s Trust:**

Discussion moved onto the Janney Fund and more specifically on the annual withdrawal. JM said she has access to current market trends and said a 4% maximum withdrawal can be made from the fund. KE noted that the membership voted to send a donation to the Irish Wolfhound Foundation, and the $25K should be withdrawn. JM noted that we have not recovered from the market downturn and if we remain within the 4% maximum the withdrawal would only be $21K. AD said it would be wise to withdraw the funds and hold it until year end to determine how much was available to send to IWF and the IW database. At this time the scholarship fund is on hold until more research into the process can be determined.

KE moved the motion to withdraw the 4% from the Janney Fund. BW seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Discussion continued on the scholarship and JL asked to clarify on what has been done to date. JM said most of the mechanics have been put in place with exception to an application process. AD asked if it would be prudent to go through the AKC scholarship program. JM said the majority of the members wanted to keep it local. AD said the AKC could make it local and worth looking into their program when we could regroup the committee. LL asked the difference between a scholarship and a grant, and if we could look into a grant. AD noted that we should consider both and figure out which direction we wanted to pursue. JM said it was a passion to give something back to the breed by engaging a veterinarian to our club and not the AKC in general. AD noted that while a valid consideration we should want a vet who is interested in pure bred dogs and not a vet who specializes in small animals, as an example. The AKC program would ensure that the funds go to a pure-bred dog vet. LL mentioned that most vets starting out have no real animal experience in their first year. Perhaps if we “adopt a vet” such a program would broaden their knowledge. JM said she would give vets in our program a subscription to the IWF and invite them to the specialty to meet breeders, board members, etc. AD said it would be practical to have written proposals for the board to review before making any decisions. JM said she provider proposals to the board last year.

KE explained that Tufts vets came to the Big E Meet the Breeds program through the AKC, and there were several vets interested in wolfhounds. JM asked to hear more about the AKC v. Tufts programs. CB said it was worth having a separate meeting of the board to review this in more detail.

That said, AD asked to confirm the dispensing of funds: IW Database would receive a $2K donation, $7K would be set aside for heart testing, and IWF would receive the balance of approximately $12K.

CB moved the motion to approve transactions to donate funds as follows: $2K to the IW database, $7K to heart testing, and balance of $12,606 to the Irish Wolfhound Foundation. KE seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

CB asked if this year’s heart testing was covered. JM said a withdrawal was made in 2021 for $25K, and we had the testing covered in 2023 with the $7K donation voted previously. AD confirmed that there will be a withdrawal in 2023 and such withdrawals will be made at the end of the calendar years as previously approved.

JM continued to go over the financials at a high level. Approximately $56K is in the operating account. There is approximately $10K in designated funds for rescue and other donations. JM suggests that the new treasurer consider moving it into a money market account.

**Committees:**

KE said she will review the trophy sponsorships and work with Pat and Mike as we change awards to be more functional prizes than the pewter cups.

AD said the fun match location needs to be voted on by members. JL said she has the survey monkey ready to go. AD said Jen Sula may also have a location to offer up and KE said she’d ask her.

KE confirmed if the Fast CAT was going to take place on Saturday, June 10 at the specialty. JL said it will be a “Fun Run” as the AKC could not approve an official event.

JL reminded the board that Emily Larson from the AKC Outreach program will be presenting to members at the next meeting in April. This will be a presentation on pet insurance providers. AD asked if Jen Sula could also give her experience as part of the discussion.

JL told the board the Duncan Gannon is coordinating the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Boston for 2023. KE and JL are not coordinating the parades for Worcester, Mystic, or New London this year.

Membership approval:

AD moved the motion to accept Sean Devanney as an associate member. JL seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Next member meeting is scheduled for December 4.

KE moved the motion to adjourn at 6:51pm. AD seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Submitted and approved: April 29, 2023

Joni Light

IWANE Secretary