**IWANE Member Meeting**

**December 4, 2022 ~ via Zoom**

**Call to Order:**

The IWANE vice-president called the membership meeting to order at approximately 4:05pm. The following board members were present: Andrea Dormady (AD), Karen Eberl (KE), Beth Wimsatt (BW), Lee Loebelenz (LL) and Joni Light (JL). Colleen Brown (CB) joined at 4:18pm, and Janel Milner (JM) was absent.

The following members were present: Sherry Mayo, Judy Mazurkiewicz, Bill Wimsatt, John Fitzgerald, Amy Archambault, Jen Sula, Clary Healey, Sue Gilson, Renee Gannon-Burke, Pat Scelso, Mike Meyer

**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 member, Sean Devanney.

AD announced to members that the nominating committee was put in place, and JL was the committee chair.

KE told members that she was working on the show committee for 2023, and that there would be new trophies for participants. The Club will be phasing out the pewter cups as we move to more functional prizes.

**Fast CAT/CAT:**

Bill Wimsatt gave an update on the Club’s Fast CAT events for 2023. He explained that in 2022 the trials were hugely successful and brought in a net of approximately $9,500 with the two events. We are looking to confirmed events in May, September, and November, as well as holding a “fun run” in connection with the Specialty in June. This will be a great way to see if you hound wants to play. The fun run will not be restricted to Irish Wolfhounds. We will open it up to other dog breeds, as this is not an official AKC trial. A small donation is suggested but not required. The fun run will be at the Showcase for Dogs on June 10.

We have confirmed locations for September in Richmond, Maine, and November will be in Webster, NH. At the time of this meeting, we did not have a location for the May Fast CAT but it has been confirmed for a location in RI.

JL told members that we will continue our Meet & Greet for 2023 and look to hold two per year. John F. told members that he still gets positive feedback from people who attended the Irish Festivals in Newport, and that such events are important to educate people on the breed and get to know others who are interested in the breed.

Members were informed that KE and JL were not coordinating the usual Worcester, Mystic, and New London St. Patrick’s Day parades for 2023. However, Duncan Gannon is coordinating the Boston St Patrick’s Day parade. AD agreed that Meet & Greets are a good way to get people to come and meet and learn about the breed. With regard to the parades, AD, JL and KE all agreed that the safety of our hounds was paramount, and that we should all be mindful of loud noises or long walks, and to keep them safe. Having a vehicle in the parade as planned by Duncan is a good idea.

**Meeting Minutes:**

KE moved the motion to approve the member meeting minutes of September 18, 2022. BW seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

CB reminded members that a survey will go out to members to rank the three donated properties for the Fun Match. The Fun Match is scheduled to take place in September timeframe as the Specialty was moved to the June date. The property owners will be responsible for the planning of the Fun Match. AD would like to remind members that these properties are being offered at no charge to the Club.

The member meeting was adjourned at 4:39pm by a motion by AD and seconded by KE.

Submitted and approved: April 29, 2023

 Joni Light

 IWANE Secretary