**Irish Wolfhound Association of New England**

**Member Meeting Minutes ~ April 29, 2023 ~ via Zoom**

**Call to Order:**

The IWANE secretary called the meeting to order at approximately 12:33pm. The following board members were present: Karen Eberl (KE), Beth Wimsatt (BW), Joni Light (JL), Lee Loebelenz (LL), Janel Milner (JM). Colleen Brown joined at 12:40pm. Andrea Dormady (AD) was absent.

The following club members were present: Rene Burke, Clary Healey, Jen Sula, Duncan Gannon, Pat Scelso, Mike Meyer, Kristol Ballod, Ron Moxon, Misty Riley, John Fitzgerald, Valerie Schiller, Thom Cusack, Beverly Alba, Tricia Kelley, John Kelley, Tanya Newkirk, Amy Archambault, Evie Jimenez, Justine Corchado, Cathi Jo Jacobson, Bill Wimsatt, Judy Mazurkiewicz, Ron Mackendrick, Sean Devanney

**Agenda:**

A meeting was scheduled in conjunction with the general meeting as per IWANE Bylaws, 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 submitted.

**Opening Remarks:**

JL opened the meeting with a welcome to newly approved associate members, and the appointment from associate to regular membership for Kristol and Ron. She then welcomed Emily Larsen, AKC Breeder Support Specialist who would be presenting with AKC’s Jillian Granick, and xxxxx on the AKC’s breeder support program and improved insurance coverage.

* Reach out to Joni for more information on the presentation.

**Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2022:**

CB asked members to confirm the meeting minutes for approval, and if anyone had any questions to please speak to them. Hearing none, JL moved the motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 4, 2022. Pat Scelso seconded the motion, and the motion was accepted unanimously.

**Officer & Committee Reports:**

JM reviewed the Club’s financial reports. Please review the attached statement of accounts that was discussed.

BW and JL discussed the upcoming FCAT trials for May 20, 2023, and May 21, 2023, that will be held at a private field in Exeter, Rhode Island. This property was donated to the Club for our event at no cost. At the time of this meeting the entries were still coming in prior to close on May 2, 2023. Additionally, BW reminded members that a Fun Run will be available and open to all dogs on Saturday, June 10 prior to the specialty at the show site.

KE discussed the annual specialty taking place at the Showcase for Dogs in East Windsor, CT on June 11. She explained that the Club is moving to more functional trophies as the trend is moving away from pewter cups and awards. Recipients will still receive IWANE rosettes and ribbons. KE asked for members to contact her if available to help with transporting and entertaining of the judges as we need some additional assistance with a few of these duties. Heart testing will be available again this year on Sunday only. KE reminded members that heart testing is paid by the Club for members’ hounds and advised them to use the special member link on the premium list (also on the website) to preregister through the Irish Wolfhound Foundation.

JL let members know that the annual fun match would be held in the fall going forward as the Club moved the springtime event to the fall to accommodate the now June specialty. As discussed at the December member meeting the Club asked if any members would be willing to host the match at their properties. Three members offered their homes, and it was agreed to give all members an opportunity to choose the location that they felt suited them best. The initial survey was to go out last December. However, a property was added to the list at the last minute. Survey links were sent to all members along with the annual election survey. JL explained that the links would be closed on May 7.

No new business.

KE moved the motion to adjourn and Pat Scelso seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:46pm.

Submitted and approved: Next meeting is in June 2023

Joni Light

IWANE Secretary