**Irish Wolfhound Association of New England**

**Board Meeting Minutes ~ June 8, 2023, ~ via Zoom**

**Call to Order:**

The IWANE president called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02pm. The following board members were present: Karen Eberl (KE), Beth Wimsatt (BW), Joni Light (JL), Janel Milner (JM), Colleen Brown (CB), Andrea Dormady (AD). Lee Loebelenz (LL) was absent.

**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 and Treasurer’s Report:**

CB called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. JM reviewed the financials with the board. The statement of accounts is as follows: Operating account balance, $86,261.90 which includes the Janney deposit of $21,606, approved to be withdrawn by the board at the November 27, 2022, board meeting. Of that amount, the membership voted to allocate the proceeds to the IW Database in the amount of $2,000, $7,000 is to go towards the annual heart testing, and the remaining $12,606 is to go to the IWF. Please note that at that board meeting it was agreed not to allocate money to the scholarship fund until the board/Club decides on a direction to pursue for the program, and written proposals are reviewed by the board. The Hick’s Trust (Janney) has a balance of $532,289.38 through the end of April 2023.

JM will work with BW on transferring the Club accounts. JM reminded the board members that a second signatory is needed on the checking account with Bank of America. In addition, JM will provide BoA with a copy of the meeting minutes confirming that the transfer in Club officers is taking place at the end of our fiscal year, and that BW (Beth Wimsatt) was voted in as the Club’s new treasurer. A copy of the elected slate of the board may also be provided as a record of the change in treasurer. Additional discussion around the duties and responsibilities of the treasurer continued. Questions came up on the tax status, state restrictions for filing, and changes in the bank location and debit/credit cards. AD suggested having a conversation with the accountant to confirm.

A motion was put forward by AD to authorize the change in signatory from the outgoing treasurer, Janel Milner, to the incoming treasurer, Beth Wimsatt, effective July 1, 2023, and paperwork will be initiated for this change on June 27, 2023 or later, and that supporting documents of the approved nominations and this meeting’s minutes will be provided to the bank. This motion was seconded by KE, and the board voted unanimously.

**Club Specialty:**

KE told the board that the specialty was looking well and everything was well organized to go. Judges were travelling and people were in place to help with travel, meal arrangements, etc. KE informed the board that this is her last specialty and is open to ideas and suggestions on a new chairperson.

AD informed the board that Mike Meyer resigned as the trophy chairperson. This position, as well as the specialty chair position, need to be filled and it may require a special vote of the board to allow associate members to participate in committees in order to get more people engaged. KE added that she and AD will continue to hold onto the challenge trophies and to get them engraved for this year. The trophy chair is responsible for getting all trophies to the show site. AD reminded the board that the heart testing is also managed by the specialty chairperson and it holds a fair amount of responsibility.

**FCAT Update:**

JL let the treasurer know about the recent order of FCAT ribbons, and that the Club now has enough ribbons to take them through the end of 2024. JL said she will inventory the CABT ribbons after the event in November, and likely put in an order for 2024 in the fall.

BW told the board that additional supplies would be needed for the Injoy lure machine, such as batteries and additional string. BW confirmed that the timing lights have been replaced with newer models after having some malfunction issues at the last FCAT and the heavy rain. In speaking to the company upgrades have been made to the lights and they replaced they system with new ones at no charge. JL let the board know that Annette at Showcase for Dogs had shadow boxes made for her lights and suggested we look into it, as well. AD said she’d ask Mike to make some covers. BW said Bill W had ideas for the shadow boxes.

The Fun Run currently has 32 dogs, according to BW. The committee is hoping for walk ins. Entry forms are available.

**Fun Match 2023:**

JL said the location voted in by members was AD’s location. Second place is KE’s location, and JL’s location ranked third. AD said the Fun Match will be held on September 23 in Duxbury. She requests a portable toilet, additional tables, and will likely ask for a Potluck lunch. AD will think of a judge. JL reminded the board that the Fun Match equipment is currently in her possession.

**Sportsman Award:**

AD said the Club is not getting nominations for the award. The board should potentially look into revising the criteria for the award to open up additional nominations. Currently the board is ineligible for the award. However, the board is doing the majority of the notable work for the Club. The board agreed to bring this up to meet members at the Specialty member meeting.

**Judge nominations for 2025:**

AD put forth the following foreign judge names: Roger Tebbitt, Jenny Dove, and Jocelyne Gagne as conformation judges. KE reminded the board that 2024 judges will be Ann Gallant for conformation, and Tina Berry for sweepstakes.

**Meeting minutes of April 29, 2023:**

KE moved the motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 29, 2023, as written. AD seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Trailer:**

AD told the board that the IWANE trailer needs repairs. Ball bearings, two new tires, and roof repairs are necessary. The cost is in excess of $2,000, which is far less than a new trailer. CB asked if other repairs may be necessary and to consider a new trailer. AD said that the FCAT committee should have their own trailer for equipment and the board agreed unanimously. BW said that Bill is looking into costs.

JL moved the motion to approve funding allocations for a new trailer for FCAT committee to store and transport equipment, and a second trailer for the rest of IWANE equipment and supplies. JM seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by AD to adjourn the meeting. KE seconded the motion and the meeting ended at 7:23pm.

Submitted and approved: December 14, 2023.

**Joni Light**

Secretary