

MID-STATES WELSH TERRIER CLUB
1/18/21
AGENDA

Call to Order

Report of the President

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Nominating Committee

Unfinished Business

1. Approve the By-Laws
2. Revised Membership Form – Pam and Mary
3. Name and Logo
4. Proposed Performance Match - Joni

New Business

1. Welsh Terrier Booklet - Joni
2. Nominating Committee
3. Hospitality Assistance for WTCNI specialty
4. Other

Adjourn

**Mid-States Welsh Terrier Club
General Meeting
January 18, 2021
Zoom**

In Attendance

Kathy Rost, Mary Duafala, Pam Allen, Jean Callens, Ann Dulin, John Toft, Janice Simmons, Michele Foley, Shelley Hudson, Bob Hudson, Meg Morely, Suzan Williams, Randy Williams, Judy Bard, Donna Anderson, Joni Connors, Cathy Zanardelli, Diane Borneman and Bruce Schwartz

Introductory Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 EST PM by Kathy Rost. Kathy welcomed all Zoom participants and extended “New Year” greetings to all.

Report of the President (and reorganization update)

Kathy shared the board’s desire to reorganize with the Welsh Terrier Club of Northern Illinois (WTCNI), and she shared the work-in progress toward this end and background information that led to this decision. She explained that Northern Illinois was once an active club, but they have lost “core members” over time. They will be hosting their last specialty in June at Grayslake, IL. Kathy discussed the various aspects of the reorganization process and how our club will be moving into “the shell” of the Northern Illinois club. Kathy listed many advantages of a reorganization. Notably, we will be able to take on the physical assets of the club, such as Northern Illinois is currently certified to put on shows. Kathy said she foresees formally inviting the Northern Illinois club’s remaining members to join our club and requested Bruce Schwartz’s assistance with obtaining Northern Illinois’s membership roster. Kathy thanked Bruce, President of the WTCA, for his intervention with AKC on our club’s behalf. Bruce reported that AKC may not have an appreciation for our preferred geographical area, which AKC may view as too large. Pam Allen and Kathy cited AKC language which referenced the low-entry breed exception(s) with regards to geographical boundaries of a club. Bruce said it would be helpful to identify proposed future specialty sites when addressing this with AKC. Following a discussion, Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky were identified as states where rotating events would likely be held. Bruce also reported that AKC may have an issue with the chosen name of our club. Mary Duafala, Kathy and Bruce cited communication received regarding AKC. AKC would like us to present three to five proposed names. Several names for our WT regional club were suggested by several members which included Ohio Valley, Great Lakes, Upper Heartland, MIOKI and others. Kathy asked that members email her with their suggestions or recommendations. It was agreed to proceed with our chosen club name and defined regional area for the time being as our club moves forward with the reorganization. Kathy thanked Bruce for his past and future assistance and correspondence with AKC, while acknowledging that we may need to make modifications to the organization of our club given AKC recommendations.

Report of the Secretary

Minutes from the 11/16/2020 minutes were presented. Jean Callens made a motion to approve the minutes and Shelley Hudson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Treasurer

Michele Foley reported that she has been in contact with the AKC. She also is working with the manager of Huntington Bank who will be assisting her with opening an account in the near future. She will need an IRS Tax Identification number. Huntington Bank also requires a copy of our by-laws and a document that identifies Michele as treasurer of the club. This continues to be a work in progress.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Michele Foley is the chair of this committee. Pam Allen and Ann Dulin serve as members and Shelley Hudson and Darryl Peters volunteered as alternates. Michele reviewed the committee's timeline, which is as follows:

- April General Meeting – Secretary reveals vote
- By April 2 – E-mail final ballot for return by April 6 (via Survey Monkey or something similar)
- Committee meeting to review additional nominations, as needed, by April 1
- March General Meeting – share slate and ask for additional nominations (by March 31); share voting process

Michele also requested members to notify her of personal interest in an officer position or a member's interest in formally nominating a fellow member for a specific officer position.

Old Business

MSWTC Bylaws

Given not all members are in receipt of proposed bylaws, no motion was made to approve the bylaws as written. This motion tabled until next general meeting.

Proposed MSWTC Membership Criteria (dated 1/5/2021)

Mary Duafala and Pam Allen presented revised criteria for Associate Member, Junior Member and Full Member, which also includes a Maintaining Full Membership Status (please see the attached *Proposed MSWTC Membership Criteria*). There were several questions regarding the definition of the term "in good standing with AKC", which is listed as a requirement for membership for all three membership categories. Mary responded that it means AKC cannot have current or pending action against an individual. Bruce Schwartz questioned if AKC would approve of Maintaining Full Membership Status section. After a discussion, Mary recommended keeping the language, while citing modifications to membership criteria can be made in the future, if needed. Kathy Rost rescinded her first motion and made a second motion to accept the MSWTC Membership Criteria (dated 1/5/2021) as written and enter into the MSWTC Standing Rules. Joni Connor seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

MSWTC Logo



Shelley Hudson presented the proposed MSWTC logo. It was well received and many compliments were given to Shelley. Jean Callen made a motion to accept the artwork as the MSWTC logo and Diane Borneman seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Proposed Performance Match

Kathy Rost reported that the Northern Illinois club is certified for confirmation events, not performance events. Kathy proposed organizing performance events for future AKC consideration of certification. After a discussion, Joni Connors offered to host our first Performance Fun Event in April or May at her place in Kentucky, given she has the space and equipment. Joni suggests intro Earthdog and Fast CAT events. Other members suggested Trick Dog, CGC and other fun events. There was a preliminary discussion of the required steps to take to plan this event. The event will need volunteers. Joni, Jean Callens and Janice Simmons agreed to co-chair this event. The committee to provide an update at the next general meeting.

New Business

MSWTC Annual Meeting and Yearly Dues

Kathy Rost addressed the unavoidable delay with opening a bank account given the documents required and the status of the pending reorganization. She proposed deferring the annual membership April due date until such time a bank account is operational. All members were in agreement. The annual meeting will still be held in April.

Welsh Terrier Booklet

Joni Connors virtually shared a 2016 Welsh Terrier booklet that she purchased at the WTCA boutique at Montgomery. Joni stated that it was mainly written as an informational booklet for owners of rescues and pets. There are separate sections on training, grooming, health, glossary of terms, etc. Kathy Rost expressed an interest in developing a MSWTC Welsh Terrier booklet. Joni and Mary Duafala reported they are already working on a primer on training and performance events and agreed to move forward with a plan to develop a new booklet. There were preliminary discussions regarding considerations when proceeding forward. Kathy suggested that Joni and Mary to reach out to other members when help is needed. There also was member interest in doing a pictorial or video comparison between a Welsh Terrier, Lakeland and Wire Fox Terrier.

Hospitality Assistance for WTCNI Specialty

Kathy Rost offered Bruce Schwartz the club's help with the banquet at Purina Farms. Given the Covid-19 pandemic, Bruce is unsure of the status of the banquet or any organized dinner event. It was decided to hold off on committing to anything at this time until more information is received.

Committee Description

Kathy Rost provided general description of the Historian Committee responsibilities, which includes keeping records of all seminars and events (with pictures, if possible).

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM EST

Next Meeting

The next MSWTC meeting will be held on February 15th via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Borneman
Recording Secretary

Proposed MSWTC Membership Criteria (1/5/21)

Associate Member (non-voting)

Annual Dues: \$25 per member/\$35 per household

1. Completion of membership application
2. In good standing with AKC
3. MSWTC Board Approval

Junior Member (non-voting)

Annual Dues: \$0

1. Under 18 years of age
2. Completion of membership application
3. In good standing with AKC
4. MSWTC Board Approval

Full Member (Voting)*

Annual Dues: \$25 per member/\$35 per household

Path 1 for Current MSWTC Associate/Junior Members

1. Completion of membership application
2. In good standing with AKC
3. Associate or Junior Member of MSWTC for at least 2 years AND
 - a. Attend at least 50% of general meetings over 12 months OR
 - b. Actively participate on at least 1 MSWTC Committee
4. Demonstrate good sportsmanship
5. MSWTC Board Approval

Path 2 for Non-Members

1. Completion of membership application
2. Member in good standing of WTCA
3. In good standing with AKC
4. Demonstrate good sportsmanship
5. MSWTC Board Approval

*Maintaining Full Member Status requires

1. In good standing with AKC
2. Payment of annual dues
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship

AND

4. Attend at least 50% of general meetings

OR

5. Actively participate on at least one MSWTC Committee.