

MID-STATES WELSH TERRIER CLUB  
11/16/20  
AGENDA

Call to Order

Minutes of Last Meeting

Report of the President

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Unfinished Business

1. Setting up Committees – Additions
  - Constitution and Bylaws – Kathy Rost Chair (All Board Members on Committee)
  - Membership – Pam Allen
  - Events – Shelly Hudson and Jean Callens (Co-Chairs)
  - Hospitality – Cathy Zanardelli
  - Historian TBA (Judith Anspach offered to serve on this committee)
  - Health – Mary Duafala
  - Website – Dale Zanardelli
  - Ways and Means – John Toft and Meg Morley (co-chairs)
  - Newsletter Committee – Bob and Shelly Hudson
  - Service – TBA
  - Performance - TBA

New Business

1. Report Constitution meeting
2. Nominating Committee
3. Other

Adjourn

**Mid-States Welsh Terrier Club  
General Meeting  
November 16, 2020  
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 Anspach, Donna Anderson, Joni Connors, Denise Biestek, Daryl Peters and Diane Borneman

**Introductory Remarks**

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM by Kathy Rost. Kathy welcomed all Zoom participants and expressed her appreciation for members' participation.

**Report of the President**

Kathy reported that AKC requirements have been satisfied with regards to defining the region of our club (Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Lower Illinois and Michigan) and establishing "core members" (those individuals who are current members to date are considered our "core member").

**Report of the Secretary**

Minutes from the 10/20/2020 minutes were presented. Jean Callens made a motion to approve the minutes and Judy Anspach seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

**Report of the Treasurer**

Michele stated there was nothing to report at this time.

**Old Business**

***Committees: Updates, Revisions and Additions***

- Constitution and Bylaws – Chair: Kathy Rost (board member also serve on this committee)  
Kathy reported that the constitution must follow AKC guidelines and can not be altered from what is written in the WTCA Constitution. Committee is working on bylaws.
- Membership – Chair: Pam Allen  
There are now 29 members.
- Events – Co-chairs: Shelly Hudson and Jean Callens  
There are no events officially planned at this time. Members expressed an interest in on-going grooming workshops and suggested naming it Zoom Groom. It was proposed that invitations to Zoom Groom, once planned, be extended to other WTCA members.

- Hospitality – Chair: Cathy Zanardelli  
Nothing to report at this time.
- Historian – Chair: TBA  
Judy Anspach said she would prefer to help on this committee, but not serve as the chair. Kathy provided an overview of the purpose of this committee. Members requested a written description. Kathy and Jean Callens offered to develop a job description and present at the next general meeting.
- Health – Chair: Mary Duafala  
Nothing to report at this time. Mary made mention that she also is the chair of the WTCA Health Committee.
- Website – Chair: Dale Zanardelli  
Kathy recommended that Dale begin creating the MSWTC website. Kathy will contact AKC to find out if the website can “go live” before the constitution and bylaws are finalized and approved.
- Ways and Means – Co-chairs: John Toft and Meg Morely  
Nothing to report at this time
- Newsletter – Co-chairs: Bob Hudson and Shelley Hudson  
Shelley has been actively working on the first newsletter for MSWTC. She anticipates sending out the finalized newsletter to members in the very near future.
- Service – Janice Simmons and Denise Biestek were named as co-chairs.  
There was a broad discussion about the role and focus of this committee, which included the need for community education for the general public (i.e., appropriate etiquette when approaching interacting with dogs), the therapy dog and the element of service that crosses over to therapy and the true service dog.
- Performance – Co-chairs Janice Simmons and Daryl Peters  
Judy Anspach recommended that Versatility Awards be included in the realm of this committee. Joni Connors requested to serve on this committee and addressed an educational component within this committee.
- Overlap of Committees  
It was originally suggested to combine the Service Committee with the Performance Committee, then to separate into two committees at a later date. As the meeting progressed, the committees became stand-alone committees. When discussing these committees, there was a general theme of an educational component and the need for these committees to work with the Education Committee. Mary Duafala reported that she is already working with Joni Connors to address this educational perspective within the area of performance.

## **New Business**

### *MSWTC Constitution*

Upon presenting the MSWTC Constitution to members present, Pam Allen made a motion to approve the constitution and Mary Duafala seconded the motion. Constitution approved unanimously.

### *MSWTC Dues*

Kathy reported that the MSWTC Board recommended that the wording for dues within the bylaws should read “not to exceed \$100.00” with dues for 2021 set at \$25.00 per person/\$35.00 per household. Dues are expected to be paid by the first annual meeting. There will be no annual dues for Junior Members, defined as members under 18-years-old.

### *Facebook*

Meg Morely suggested creating a MSWTC Facebook page to provide members the ability to share information with others. This suggestion was well received and Meg agreed to set up the page on Facebook with membership by invitation only.

### *Meeting Dates*

Monthly meeting will be held the third Monday of each month through Zoom. No meeting in December due to the holidays. Discussed moving meetings to bi-monthly in the future. Given the amount of work-in-progress and the needed timeline to complete, it was recommended that the annual meeting be moved from January to April. Jean Callens made a motion to change the annual meeting to April 19, 2021 and Mary Duafala seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. The fiscal year would be the calendar year. Awards would go from January through December.

### *AKC Recommended Committees*

Kathy reported that the AKC recommends adding additional committees, as follows:

- **Nominating Committee**  
Kathy named Michele Foley as the chair of this committee. Pam Allen and Ann Dulin agreed to serve as members and Shelley Hudson and Daryl Peters volunteered as alternates. The committee to present the official 2021 slate of candidates in the near future.
- **Code of Ethics Committee**  
Suzan Williams and Randy Williams were named co-chairs of this committee.
- **Awards Committee**  
Jean Callens, Joni Connor and Judy Anspach to serve on this committee. The chair of this committee was not named. After a discussion, it was agreed it is the dog owner’s responsibility to keep track of awards for their dog(s) and submit to the Awards Committee at the appropriate time.

### *Committee Descriptions*

Following a discussion, recommendations were made that each committee should develop a description of their respective committees, which would include the mission and goal(s) of their committee.

### *WT Bragging Rights*

Kathy proposed adding Bragging Rights to the meeting:

- Joni Connors' WT, Angel, has been invited to the FCAT Invitational in Florida in December. Joni continues to be involved in scent working, tracking and barn hunt with her dogs.
- Michele Foley is the top WT AKC Owner-Handler in the country.
- Mary Duafala reports a Reserve BIS and group placements for Morgan.
- Janice Simmons shared that Talie holds the WT lifetime high score for FCAT and was invited to the FCAT Invitational in Florida as the number #1 WT for 2019.
- It was reported that Daryl Peters' WT, Bart, follows Talie as #2 WT in the country. Lucy got her intermediate and will be starting Canine Good Citizen soon.
- Denise Biestek is starting in FCAT with her WT.

### **Next Meeting**

The next MSWTC meeting will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM EST

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Borneman  
Recording Secretary