

MID-STATES WELSH TERRIER CLUB

2/15/21

AGENDA

Call to Order

Minutes of Last Meeting

Report of the President

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Nominating Committee

Education Committee

Unfinished Business

1. Proposed Performance Match – Joni

New Business

1. Therapy and Service dogs - Janice
2. Hospitality Assistance for WTCNI specialty
3. Other

Adjourn

**Mid-States Welsh Terrier Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 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, Judith Anspach, Denise Biestek, Daryl Peters, Donna Anderson, Joni Connors, Cathy Zanardelli and Diane Borneman.

**Introductory Remarks**

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 EST PM by Kathy Rost. Kathy welcomed all Zoom participants.

**Report of the President**

Kathy provided an update on the reorganization with Welsh Terrier Club of Northern Illinois (WTCNI). Kathy expressed that little progress has been made. She shared correspondence that Bruce Swartz received from the AKC regarding the reorganization, which included their proposed geographical region which is markedly different from MSWTC's defined region. In this proposal, anyone leaving outside of AKC's suggested "core" area would be a (non-voting) associate member, which affects most all of the current MSWTC members. Kathy requested a conference call with AKC with the goal of helping AKC to better understand our position, including the status of WTCNI and our desire to simplify the reorganization. Kathy explained that AKC has offered assistance to "save" the WTCNI, but this club does not want to be saved. Before the dissolution of this club occurs (most likely after June of this year), Kathy proposed combining the memberships, defining the "core area" and changing the name. In the interim, Kathy stated that we will function as a non-AKC club. Without this AKC membership status MSWTC cannot host a specialty, but our club can partner with existing AKC membered clubs. Kathy will provide updates as more information is known.

**Report of the Secretary**

Minutes from the 1.18.2021 meeting were presented. Janice Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes and Donna Anderson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written. Diane reported that all board meeting and general meeting minutes will be posted on the MSWTC Facebook (FB) page once they are "approved". She thanked Meg Morely for uploading past (approved) meeting minutes to FB in an expeditious manner. Diane also reports 29 current members on the MSWTC roster per Pam Allen's accounting.

**Report of the Vice President**

Mary has nothing to report at this time.

### **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 a *Federal Tax Identification Number* (EIN). Huntington Bank also requires a copy of our bylaws and a document (meeting minutes) that identifies Michele as treasurer of the club. It was previously suggested that a temporary account be opened in the interim to make our club operational, but the decision was made to not pursue this. Instead, Michele will move forward with opening an official account under the MSWTC name once the revised bylaws are approved.

### **Report of the Nominating Committee**

Michele Foley is the chair of this committee. Michele stated that the committee is still accepting nominations for member-at-large board members. She asks that members email her should they want to nominate an individual or if they have a personal interest with serving on the board. Michele will be meeting with committee members soon and a slate will be presented at a later date.

### **Education Committee**

Mary reported that the first Zoom Groom instruction video will air on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM EST. Brynmawr's Jean Callens will be hosting the session on grooming tools and it will include a pre-recorded video clip followed by a live Q&A session for Zoom participants. Mary also reported that she is organizing a WTCA educational program about "*Managing the Numbers*" (of dogs in kennels), which will air via Zoom on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM EST. She will be extending an invitation to MSWTC members to attend this event in the near future and it will also be posted on our FB page. Lastly, Mary reported that she is in the process of developing a WTCA "WT Education Network" FB page, which will include archived materials and other items that may be of interest.

### **Old Business**

#### *MSWTC Bylaws*

Mary and Kathy have been working on the bylaws. Once the board approves the final revision, the bylaws will be presented at the following general meeting.

#### *Performance Match*

Joni Connors is the chair of this event, and Janice Simmons and Jean Callens serve as her co-chairs. Joni provided an update of this first fun event, which will be held at her place in Kentucky on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Joni will set up a block of rooms at a nearby hotel, and she has room for campers and RVs on her property. Joni, Janice and Jean will be finalizing details on the different events, ribbons, refreshments, etc. Joni will also be reaching out to Cathy Z. regarding hospitality details for this event. Joni said that she is open to inviting others (non-MSWTC members), but she does not expect a large interest. Joni will provide an update on this event at the next general meeting.

## **New Business**

### *Therapy and Service Dogs*

Janice led a discussion about the difference between a service dog and a therapy dog, and how WT therapy dogs can be of great service in our communities, such as in nursing homes, assisted living arrangements, hospitals, etc. Denise added that there is no age limit with training or teaching a dog and provided her positive experiences with her own WT. She would like to increase the number of WT serving as therapy dogs. Many members agreed that therapy dog certification is recommended and the different types of certification programs were discussed, including *Therapy Dogs International*. Denise recognized that it is hard to get certification at this time, given the pandemic, but she is hopeful that opportunities to obtain certification will be forthcoming as we, as a country, return to normal. Denise agreed to write an article about therapy dogs for the next MSWTC newsletter given the many questions and interest expressed by members.

### *Hospitality Assistance for WTCNI Specialty (at Purina Farms)*

Kathy Rost offered Bruce Schwartz the club's help with the banquet at Purina Farms. Given the Covid-19 pandemic, Bruce stated that he was unsure of the status of the banquet or any organized dinner event. It is unknown what our role will be at this time.

## **Other**

### *Members Time*

Mary reported that Morgan earned his Silver Grand Championship. Denise shared how she met Janice years ago. Kathy said that Ann Arbor will be holding their show outdoors in July.

## **Adjournment**

Mary Duafala moved to adjourn the meeting and Diane Borneman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM EST

## **Next Meeting**

The next MSWTC general meeting will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Diane Borneman*

Recording Secretary

