

MID-STATES WELSH TERRIER CLUB
3/15/21
AGENDA

Call to Order

Minutes of Last Meeting

Report of the President

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Nominating Committee

Education Committee

Performance Committee

Unfinished Business

1. Revised Membership Form – Pam and Mary
2. Name and Logo

New Business

1. Performance Committee Goals and Objectives – Janice
2. Performance Participation Survey - Darryl
3. New Montgomery Show Location
4. Other

Adjourn

**Mid-States Welsh Terrier Club
General Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2021
Zoom**

In Attendance

Kathy Rost, Mary Duafala, Jean Callens, Ann Dulin, Janice Simmons, Michele Foley, Shelley Hudson, Meg Morely, Suzan Williams, Randy Williams, Judy Bard, Denise Biestek, Daryl Peters, Donna Anderson, Joni Connors, Irene Butler, Diana Davis Keisker, Cathy Zanardelli and Diane Borneman.

Introductory Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM EST by Kathy Rost. Kathy welcomed all Zoom participants and introduced Irene Butler and Diana David Keisker as new members.

Report of the President

Kathy provided an update on the reorganization with Welsh Terrier Club of Northern Illinois (WTCNI). Kathy stated that some progress has been made. She provided a summary of a conversation that she and Mary recently had with the AKC regarding a reorganization. AKC has expanded the boundaries of the Northern Illinois Club to help “save” the club, despite the club’s preference to dissolve operations. Expanding the boundaries would provide us with the option to join WTCNI. Per Kathy, AKC said they would waive the non-voting associate member status typically imposed on members living outside of the defined core region, which affects most all of us. By AKC waiving the core requirements, associate members would be able to vote and to hold positions on the board. Kathy reported she has had several conversations with Bruce Schwartz (WTCA President) and he confirmed that WTCNI wants to reorganize with us. The current plan includes all of us joining the Northern Illinois club (en masse, if possible) convening a special election and establishing a new governing board. Once completed, we would reorganize boundaries and change the name of the club. Kathy reported that AKC has said our current club name is not permissible. Given AKC would accept “Great Lakes” as a club name, Kathy suggested one option of operating as the Welsh Terrier Club of Northern Illinois doing business under the Great Lakes Welsh Terrier Club. Kathy said that there will be many details to work out, such as identifying an agent to represent our club for legal reasons (must be an Illinois resident per Illinois regulations), but in the long run, we will be further ahead given WTCNI’s long standing history. Kathy also shared that she would like to continue with awarding the Florsheim Trophy on a yearly basis to recognize and honor this long-standing Northern Illinois tradition. Kathy also is hoping that an officer from Northern Illinois will serve on our board, once the reorganization takes place. Kathy reported that the reorganization is several months away.

Report of the Secretary

Minutes from the 2.15.2021 meeting were presented. Shelly Hudson made a motion to approve the minutes and Jean Callens seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written. Diane also reports 31 current members on the MSWTC roster.

Report of the Vice President

Mary has nothing to report at this time.

Report of the Treasurer

Michele Foley provided an update regarding a change in plans with opening a bank account given the current status of our club. Given the anticipated reorganization, the board decided to forego opening an account with Huntington Bank at this time. Mary Duafala offered to provide Abbeyrose Foundation as a temporary means to hold our funds. Michele will be sending an email to members in the near future regarding out annual dues.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Michele Foley is the chair of this committee. Michele provided a shared screen document of her Nominating Committee Report:

MSWTC Nominating Committee Report March 15, 2021

Nominations:

Position	Nominee	Tenure
President	Kathy Rost	2 years
Vice President	Mary Duafala	1 year
Recording Secretary	Diane Borneman	2 years
Corresponding Secretary	Shelley Townsend Hudson	2 years
Treasurer	Michele Foley	2 years
Member-at-Large	Joan Conner	1 year
Member-at-Large	Donna Anderson	2 years

Committee:

Michele Foley – Chair mmf66@aol.com

Pam Allen pam.abbeyrose@gmail.com

Ann Dulin adulin@comcast.net

Alt: Daryl Peters darylpeters@wideopenwest.com

Alt: Shelly Hudson hudsbob@comcast.net

Timeline:

- April General Meeting – Secretary reveals vote, as needed
- By April 2 – Secretary mail/e-mail final ballot for return by April 6 (survey)
- Committee Meeting to review additional nominations, as needed, April 1
- March General Meeting – share slate; ask for additional nominations (by March 31); share voting process
- March Board Meeting – status update
- Committee Meeting to develop recommendation – March 1
- February General Meeting – reminder; follow-up e-mail

- February Board Meeting – status update
- Committee Meeting to check in on submissions and plan outreach, as needed – Feb 4
- January General Meeting – request nominees

After presenting the slate, Michele asked members to contact her by the end of the month if anyone has an alternate they wish to nominate. By April 2nd, the secretary will mail/e-mail final ballot for return by April 6 (survey).

Education Committee

Mary thanked all members who attended the WTCA Zoom presentation, *Managing the Numbers*. She reported that the Zoom video from this event will be posted on the MSWTC in the near future. Mary shared that she is working with Kathy and Jean on the next Zoom Groom project, which will focus on stripping or pet grooming. Mary said she plans to open the next Zoom Groom to all WTCA members. Mary provided an update on the WTCA project: she and Joni are working on a electronic “flip book” on non-conformation events. Mary thanked members for sending her pictures of their dogs in different events.

Unfinished Business

Revised Membership Form

This item was tabled until the next general meeting.

Name and Logo

Kathy asks members to think about a new name for the club given AKC’s determination that MSWTC is not a name that AKC will accept. The logo will remain the same.

Performance Match

Joni Connors, Janice Simmons and Jean Callens serve as co-chairs for this event. Joni provided an update of this first fun event, which will be held at her place in Kentucky on April 17th. There will be three events, which includes Earthdog, Barn Hunt and Bunny Dash. Joni is in the process of blocking rooms at the Ramada Inn in Shelbyville, and she has room for campers and RVs on her property. She will be renting a porta-potty. Cathy Z. is overseeing hospitality details regarding food. There were several discussions with regards to creating a flyer, posting the event on the MSWTC Facebook page, awarding of ribbons, fund raising raffles/auctions ideas, developing an entry form with a hold harmless agreement, etc. Given the amount of coordination needed to organize this events, Joni, Janice and Jean enlisted the help of several members to finalize details and logistical issues. They will meet as a group to organize the day’s events, and to identify needs (equipment, volunteers, etc.). A special meeting was called by Kathy to provide the performance match committee the opportunity to present committee progress made and to identify further issues and assistance needed for the event. The special meeting will be held on March 22nd at 7:00 PM EST via Zoom.

New Business

Performance Committee

Janice presented the goals and objectives of the Performance Committee, which includes the following:

- Increase visibility and participation of our breed in the various AKC performance sports
- Promote good sportsmanship
- Promote fun activities in both AKC and local/regional sports
- Sponsor and/or co-sponsor AKC Events as resources and experience permit
- Encourage members, as feasible, to move through the four (4) common Types of Owners:
 1. Those primarily interested in Conformation and Breeding
 2. Those primarily interested in learning with and having fun with their dog and sometimes earning a title
 3. Those primarily interested in having a house pet
 4. Those who want some combination of the above

Performance Participation Committee

Daryl and Janice developed a survey to gather information regarding what type of events are of interest to members and members experience with various performance events. The survey, which will be mailed to members in the future, is to be filled out for each "active" dog in a member's household. The results of the survey will assist the Performance Committee with planning for future events. Kathy asked if additional information could be obtained to document current members level of performance experience, number of titled dogs and cumulative years of participation in various performance events, which will be needed when applying for performance events with AKC in the future. It was decided that a second survey be developed for this purpose and that the membership application be updated to ask questions about an applicant's performance experience moving forward.

New Montgomery Show Location

The Montgomery County Community College has decided to not allow outside events for the remainder of 2021 due to the covid pandemic. This year the Montgomery Show location will be at the Macungie Memorial Park in Macungie, PA which is 32 miles from the usual location at the Montgomery County Community College and 32 miles from Ludwig's Corner (the site of the Devon Show). The host hotels and banquet location will remain unchanged. The scheduled judges for 2020 have been reassigned to this year. Ginny Winters will be the regular class judge and Jean Callens will judge the Sweepstakes classes.

Adjournment

Michele Foley moved to adjourn the meeting and Jean Callens seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM EST

Next Meeting

The next MSWTC general meeting is scheduled for April 19th via Zoom, but may be moved up to the 12th given the Fun Day event occurring on April 17th. This to be determined at the special meeting scheduled for March 22nd.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Borneman

Recording Secretary