

MID-STATES WELSH TERRIER CLUB
Board Meeting
1/4/21
AGENDA

Call to Order

Minutes of Last Meeting

Report of the President

Report of the Secretary

Report of the Treasurer

Report of Nominating Committee

Unfinished Business

1. Membership Outreach
2. By Laws Revision
3. Update of situation with Northern Illinois

New Business

1. Standing Rules
2. Facebook
3. Educational Committee Progress

**Mid-States Welsh Terrier Club
Board Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2021
Zoom**

In Attendance

Kathy Rost - President, Mary Duafala - Vice President, Michele Foley - Treasurer, Shelley Hudson – Corresponding Secretary, Diane Borneman - Recording Secretary and Bruce Schwartz – WTCA President.

Introductory Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM EST by Kathy Rost. Kathy welcomed all Zoom members and introduced Bruce Schwartz to our meeting.

Report of the President

Kathy reported that she invited Bruce to the meeting to provide an update on the status on the Welsh Terrier Club of Northern Illinois and to discuss the work-in-progress toward a reorganization. Bruce shared that the Northern Illinois club is close to dissolution and he supports MSWTC's interest in reorganizing within the shell of the Northern Illinois club. Bruce said he believes it is okay to "turn over" this club to MSWTC, but AKC has not officially verified this. As for the Northern Illinois club, Bruce reported that they are having a specialty with the WTCA specialty in St. Louis in early June (and sponsoring a dinner event) and their last event will be a specialty at Grays Lake two weeks after the St. Louis shows (barring Covid-19 issues). The group discussed the various aspects of the reorganization process. Mary shared that she and Kathy have discussed feeling confident with getting the "confirmation piece" with the reorganization and that MSWTC should focus on performance events to show AKC good faith in terms of wanting to pursue both avenues (confirmation and performance). Kathy projects the first MSWTC specialty no later than 2022, with the possibility of a concurrent specialty with the Terrier Club of Michigan this Fall. She also discussed performance events at this show. Bruce reported that he hopes to talk with AKC tomorrow. Kathy requested that he share MSWTC's desire to get licensed for performance. Bruce led a discussion regarding the transfer of funds and agreed that "this will need to be figured out". It is reported that the board of the Northern Illinois club is interested in providing help with the transfer and is supportive of the reorganization. It was also discussed to personally invite Bridget Gierahn and DiAnn Flory (from the Northern Illinois club) to join MSWTC. Bruce has already been invited. Kathy invited Bruce to the next scheduled board meeting.

Report of the Secretary

Minutes from the 12/7/2020 board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Michele to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Shelley. Approved unanimously.

Report of the Treasurer

Michele reported that she has been in contact with the AKC. She will be confirming with banking institutions what MSWTC documents are required to open an account. This is a work in progress, especially with the pending reorganization.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Michele is the chair of this committee. Pam Allen and Ann Dulin agreed to serve as members and Shelley Hudson and Darryl Peters volunteered as alternates. The committee will be meeting soon. Michele reported that she will be sending an email to members for the purpose of extending an invitation for members to contact her with any nominations for board positions or personal interest with serving on the board. Michele will include an end date to respond in the email.

Old Business

Membership Outreach Mary shared the MSWTC membership document that she developed outlining a summary of proposed criteria for Associate Membership, Junior Membership and Full Membership. Following a review and discussion of the content, revisions were made. Mary to update the document with recommended revisions and send out to Board members for their review. Document to be presented to members at the next general meeting. Kathy requests that the board review (and vote on) membership applications as they are received in an expeditious manner.

It was previously decided to limit membership to those living within the defined MSWTC region. Decision made to open up membership beyond the defined region once the revised *MSWTC Membership Criteria* is presented and approved by the MSWTC at the next general meeting.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Kathy presented proposed bylaws. Mary made a motion to approve bylaws as written and Michele seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Kathy reports that she is currently working on the Standing Rules and enlisted Mary's assistance with this.

Facebook (FB) Meg Morely has the MSWTC Facebook up and running. Some members have reported difficulty with accessing this by-invitation-only FB page. Kathy will ask Meg to help those members having trouble. Discussed specifying who should have editing rights to the FB page and agreed to name Shelley as co-administrator with Meg.

NEW BUSINESS

Education Committee Kathy reported the videotaping of the first grooming seminar is scheduled for this Wednesday at her place, with a focus on grooming tools and equipment. Cathy Zanardelli to help with this seminar. After editing the session, plan is to create first Groom Zoom and offer viewers the chance to ask questions.

Mary reported that she is working on a WTCA educational program about “managing the numbers” (of dogs in kennels), which will air via Zoom in March. She will be asking WTCA for their approval to extend an invitation to MSWTC members.

Performance Committee Kathy has nothing to report at this time, other than she has a planned visit to Kentucky to meet with Joni Connors regarding performance. Mary shared that she and Joni have been working on a primer of performance events that are available to Welsh Terriers.

MSWTC Region Following a discussion, decision made to re-define the MSWTC region as Illinois (was Lower Illinois), Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and Western Pennsylvania. West Virginia was removed.

Members Time

It was announced that Shelley has had a new book published title, *When I got Drunk with My Mother*, which includes a collection of poems.

Next Meeting

The next MSWTC Board Meeting will be held on February 1st via Zoom.

Adjournment

Diane made a motion to adjourn meeting and Michele seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Borneman
Recording Secretary