

MID-STATES WELSH TERRIER CLUB
Agenda
March 1, 2021

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. Acceptance of the By-Laws

Other

Adjourn

**Mid-States Welsh Terrier Club
Board Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2021
Zoom**

In Attendance

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

Introductory Remarks

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

Report of the President

Kathy provided an update on the reorganization with the Welsh Terrier Club of Northern Illinois (WTCNI). Kathy stated that some progress has been made. She and Mary recently had a conversation with the AKC. 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. By AKC waiving the core requirements, associate members would be able to vote and to hold positions on the board. Once the reorganization is completed, we could hold a special election as well as reorganize boundaries and change the name of the club. Kathy stated that the reorganization would need to occur before Northern Illinois dissolves. Mary and Kathy added that there may be some room for negotiation regarding the timing of the reorganization. Should a reorganization be realized, we would accept their bylaws and constitution. Many benefits of a reorganization were cited by Kathy, such as holding various events. Kathy said she would like to expand our club’s membership before moving forward. At the next general meeting, it was decided that Kathy will provide an update and introduce the concept of joining WTCNI as part of the reorganization, and she will present a written proposal to members at a later date. Kathy also stated that she is hoping that an officer from Northern Illinois will serve on our board, once the reorganization takes place.

Report of the Recording Secretary

Minutes from the 2/1/2021 board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mary Duafala to approve the minutes with corrections made and seconded by Shelley Hudson. Motion was approved unanimously.

Report of the Vice President

Mary stated she has nothing to report at this time.

Report of the Treasurer

Michele stated nothing new to report 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 our annual dues and instructions for payment will be provided.

Nominating Committee

Michele reported that the committee has a slate to present to members at the next MSWTC General Meeting. The slate includes current officers, and Donna Anderson and Joni Connors as member-at-large board members. Officers will serve a two-year term, with exception of the Vice President, which will be a one-year term. Donna will serve a two-year term as a board member and Joni will serve a one-year term. After presenting the slate at the general meeting, Michele will ask members to contact her by the end of the March if anyone has an alternate they wish to nominate. Kathy reminded everyone that board members are limited to two consecutive two-year terms in the same position and no board member will serve in any capacity for more than three consecutive terms (6 years).

Education Committee

Mary reported a successful outcome with the MSWTC's first Zoom Groom with a total of 29 participants in attendance. This Zoom Groom has been uploaded on the MSWTC Facebook (FB) page and there is an opportunity for viewers to post questions/comments. Mary shared that she has asked Jean Callens to monitor FB should members post specific questions in regards to the Zoom Groom presentation. Kathy shared that a few members who were not able to participate in the "live" Q&A session from the Zoom Groom have gone to our FB to view the video. Mary expressed interest with sharing Zoom Groom with others beyond our regional club by posting the presentation on the WTCA website. There was a discussion about potential ideas for future Zoom Grooms. Mary stated the WTCA educational presentation, *Managing the Numbers*, is scheduled to air via Zoom this coming Saturday, March 6th at 1:00 PM EST. She reported that Bruce Schwartz, WTCA President, sent an invitation for this event via an email to all WTCA members. Mary noted that Diane has also sent an invitation to MSWTC members and will be sending a reminder email later this week. Additionally, information about this event is posted on the WTCA website and the MSWTC FB page. Mary reported that she sent out a request via an email for digital photographs of members' Welshies while engaged in non-conformation events for her WTCA e-Book project on performance.

Unfinished Business

Performance Event Kathy reported that she received an update from Joni Connors who is a part of the committee organizing the fun match event on April 17th at Joni's residence in Kentucky. Joni is in the process of pricing porta-potty rentals, blocking rooms at a local hotel, obtaining items and material for the different performance events, etc. Kathy said Janice is donating ribbons. Mary asked if a preliminary (estimated) budget could be obtained by Joni.

More planning and coordination is needed to address the many details and logistical issues with this event, including hospitality needs and fundraising activities. Kathy said that Joni will be providing an update at the next general meeting.

New Business

Bylaws

Officers were in receipt of the revised bylaws. Michele, Kathy and Mary reviewed the timeline for the Nominating Committee and it was decided to re-work this section. Mary will work with Michele and Kathy on the revision and present at the next Board Meeting.

Other

Membership Applications

Kathy reported that Janice Simmons gave MSWTC applications to two individuals in December, prior to the revised membership process which was approved in January of 2021. The applications were recently returned. After a discussion, it was decided to grant full membership to the two applicants. Kathy stated no other "exceptions" will be made moving forward. It was identified that applying for membership may be cumbersome for some applicants due to technology challenges, which can slow down the process. There was a discussion about simplifying the procedure. Michele suggested building a MSWTC membership application form via Microsoft Forms, which is accessible on Microsoft Office 365. Mary will follow up with Pam Allen on this suggestion.

MSWTC Facebook

Kathy shared that Janice Simmons has been posting general multiple-choice questions regarding Welsh Terriers on our FB page. Janice will tabulate correct answers and announce winners at the general meeting.

Next Meeting

The next MSWTC Board Meeting will be held on April 5th via Zoom.

Adjournment

Mary Duafala made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Michele Foley seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM EST.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Borneman
Recording Secretary