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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Janet Lindgren

A big **thank you** to Bev Walker for once again hosting our annual picnic. The attendance was not as great as some other years. I know some had other obligations and perhaps others did not want to brave the heat.

Speaking of the heat, many people think they should shave their dogs because they equate it to themselves wearing a fur coat. A dog's coat not only insulates them from the cold but from the heat as well. You should leave at least an inch of coat on the dog. This, according to a veterinarian. Dogs cool themselves differently from us. They "sweat" by panting and through the pads of their feet.

I find it disappointing that more people are not showing in the Bred-By-Exhibitor class. It is so rewarding to finish a dog yourself which you have bred. Several years ago AKC began offering a medallion for any Champion finished from the Bred-By-Exhibitor class. I have five of them.

Offering the title of Grand Champion has helped entries. From May 2010 through February 17 Best of Breed entries were up by 50,000, no doubt due to people showing their Champion to get that "Grand" title. The title Grand Champion does not mean that a dog who has it is any better than a Champion. It does mean that the owner was willing to invest the time and money to show the dog to that end. The entries for people entering Best of Breed for Grand Champion points has also helped the coffers of the AKC. They, like everyone else have been having financial issues. Apparently this program has been so successful that AKC Grand Champions now have the opportunity to become Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Grand Champions. A Bronze requires 100 GC points, a Silver 200, a Gold 400 and a Platinum 800. Only those who have attained one of these can show at the Eukanuba Invitational in Orlando.

I would guess the AKC's financial issues are the reason that September will be the last printed issue of the American Kennel Club Gazette and events calendar. This award-winning magazine has been around as long as I can remember. It will, beginning in October, only be viewed on line. They will, however, continue to print the Family Dog magazine.

On June 9 I attended a presentation by Richard C. Angelo, Jr, an attorney who specializes in many areas of animal law, called "Pet Law: What Every Good Pet Owner Should Know." He stated that the biggest problem is that people get an attorney involved too late. I found it interesting and believe we may have him do a presentation for our club.

See you in September.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 19, 2011 - Westie meeting @ Howell Rec. Center
November 21, 2011 - Westie meeting @ Howell Rec. Center
Christmas Party Date -December 10, 2011, 1-4pm, Howell Rec. Center

MEETING MINUTES JULY 16, 2011

Attendees: Carole Beaudry, Michelle Bogart, Chris Bogart, Jackie Curtis, Angela Evans, Kris Hoffman, Matt Kelley, Kathy King, Janet Lindgren, Chet Mienaltowski, Sue Mienaltowski, Roxanne Morway, John Morway, Sue Peters, Martha Sayles, Bev Walker, Cathy Weishaupt, Bonnie Wilson

General Business

- ❖ Reading of the Minutes of the May 16, 2011 meeting was waived.
- ❖ Report of President - None
- ❖ Report of Secretary - Presented emails regarding Expansion of AKC Club Outreach program and Waglinked.com, which both promote additional links to club activities, club information, etc. Angela will look into these options further and report at the next meeting.
- ❖ Report of Treasurer No report, as the Treasurer was unable to attend.
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Rescue - Carole Beaudry reported on Westies in care, and especially Chloe, who recently had liver shunt surgery. Carole indicated that Linda Gassman is working on getting an Ebay auction set up to raise funds for Chloe's medical treatment. Donations of items for the auction are welcomed. Carole announced that a Westie Cookie Jar would be auctioned off after the picnic lunch. Proceeds will go towards Chloe's medical expenses.
 - Education - Carole Beaudry provided a report showing Education's expenses for the last few months. Jackie Curtis suggested that in order for Education to rebuild their coffers, to retain some of their flags to sell, which had previously been given to Rescue.
 - Specialty 2011 - Jackie Curtis reported that the photographer's contract has been arranged. The contract for MB-F has been completed. The Ann Arbor Dog Training Center has been reserved; however, a deposit needs to be sent to AADTC by the Club Treasurer. Need to make sure the date is on the Club website. Martha Sayles suggested that since the Specialty is when Rescue takes in a great deal of money, then Rescue should pay for a portion of the building rental. Martha and Carole recommended that this suggestion be put before the Rescue Board before a decision is made.
 - Monroe Fall Show - No report at this time.
 - Nominating Committee - Kris Tousley, who is the chairperson for this committee was unable to attend. Janet indicated that the committee for 2012 is working on the slate.
- ❖ Wagtales
 - Articles, pictures and any information are due by July 25, 2011.
- ❖ Website
 - Beth Widdows is eventually going to step down as the Club's Webmaster. Beth suggested via email to the group list that the Club think of either hiring a webmaster and/or seeking out a Club member who has web experience or would be interested in attending a web class. Martha Sayles suggested that the Webmaster be given a stipend. This topic will be researched and discussed in detail at the September meeting.
- ❖ Membership
 - Michelle Bogart and Chris Bogart have applied for Associate membership. Michele and Chris have moved back to Michigan from Virginia. Michele and Chris were members before moving out of state. They have one Westie, Kirby. Their membership application was voted on and unanimously approved.
- ❖ Other Unfinished Business
 - Discussion was held whether or not to continue providing exhibitor bags for future Specialty shows. The membership voted to continue giving exhibitor bags to exhibitors who show.

- ❖ New Business
 - Club activities and future events - Sue Peters reported on the various events that the Club has recently participated in and mentioned several upcoming events for the rest of the year. The Club will have a booth in Marysville on August 10, a booth the weekend of the Renaissance Festival in Holly, a booth at a Halloween themed event on October 22 in Wixom, and the Metro Detroit Pet Expo on November 18 through the 20th in Novi. The fee to maintain a booth at the Pet Expo is \$200. It was voted upon that Rescue, Education and the Club will split the cost for the booth at the Pet Expo. Sue will post details as these dates approach. Sue also asked for business cards from Club breeders so they can be given to the public at these events.
 - Membership Chair Position - Dee Rakic who has had the position Membership Chair for the last few years has asked that since she is not an Active member, would it be better for the Club to have an Active member assume this position. The membership decided that Dee is and has been doing an excellent job and want Dee to continue if she is willing. Angela Evans will send Dee a letter asking her to stay on as Membership Chair.
 - The Christmas party for 2011 was set for Saturday, December 10, from 1 to 4 p.m., with details to follow on the website. Kris Tousley as Treasurer will need to contact the Howell Rec. Center as soon as possible to reserve the date and mail in the fee for the room.
- ❖ Miscellaneous
 - Janet Lindgren proposed that the Club support the Terrier Club of Michigan at their spring show during the weekend of our Specialty and the Progressive Show that is held on the Sunday right after our show. It was voted that we support the TCM show. The Club board will discuss and decide how much money should be allotted for prizes and for which awards. Janet asked Bev Walker to compile a list of what trophies she has that may be used. Janet brought up the fact that the trophy budget has not been increased for a number of years and prices keep climbing. Janet indicated that the Club should consider increasing the budget. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.
- ❖ New Litters
 - No new litters at this time.
- ❖ Member Activities
 - Riley and Butch Curtis have spent some quality time in the UP.

**Next Club Meeting - Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
Howell Recreational Center**

BOOMERANG TAGS

<http://www.boomerangtags.com/>

The owner of this company donates these tags for all of our foster homes and placements. We love them and thought we would share the site with all of you!

The Education Funds are getting low. The Committee is looking at fundraising opportunities. However, because Education of the general public is such an important function, we ask that each of you consider making a donation to continue this effort. Donations checks may be made out to WHWTCSEM and mailed to Carole Beaudry, 8820 Tavistock, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Please consider that our Education effort is an element in our annual compliance application. The Education Committee runs ads throughout the year which include the required wording from the AKC, and they maintain the Education website as well as the printing of materials to distribute at the "Meet and Greet" events. These are the majority of the elements we include in our "Major Activities" section of the application. (The other is Rescue). Without these activities, we would not be allowed to put on our annual Conformation Show since we do not do any of the other possible activities*.

In 2011, we complied with:

Public Education Program:

- Active Rescue Program
- Attendance at public events where we provide dog-related educational materials

AKC Classified Advertising Program

- Education Ads run throughout the year using AKC's statement as part of the wording

Other Outreach Programs

- Education Website

The Education Committee attempts to raise funds independently so as to not be a drain on the General Fund which allows that fund to support the actual costs of the show. However, if this committee did not exist, the responsibility would not go away. To put on the Conformation show, the Club General Fund would have to supply the funds to handle the outreach programs.

*Other possible categories are: Independent Match, Canine Experience, Canine Good Citizen Test, Performance Events, National or Regional Judges Education, New Exhibitor Mentoring Program.

Those who are interested in putting on our Conformation show must understand the need for the Education Effort and the fact that it is a Club responsibility. Understanding this and the limits of our General Fund, please seriously consider making that donation!!!!