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Westie Wagtales



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Janet Lindgren

The club enjoyed another successful Specialty. This is thanks to all the club members who work so hard to make it so. It was interesting to note that many of the placements by the Sweepstakes judge and Regular Class judge were close, if not identical.

One Specialty is over and planning for the next (April 28, 2012) begins. Jackie Curtis has graciously accepted the position of Show Chair for 2012.

Our condolences to Barb Boggess who was not able to attend the Specialty due to the death of her mother-in-law who lived out of state.

In the past I have heard comments about the Associate members not being required to participate in activities. I am sure many of them would be willing to work in some capacity if asked.

I am hoping to attend the presentation "Pet Law 101: What Every Good Pet Owner Should Know" on June 9. Perhaps I will see some of you there in Flint.

Many of us are concerned about what will happen to our dogs in the event of our demise. The AKC Gazette recently had an article concerning "pet trusts". The most famous example of this is Leona Helmsley who left a large amount of money to Trouble. The article stated that pet trusts are legal in about half of our 50 states, although I have not had an opportunity to check on Michigan's status in this regard. There are also such things as "honorary trusts" where the trust's beneficiary is an individual who is on his honor to care for the pets). However, a court would not intervene if the beneficiary decides not to use the assets of an honorary trust for the intended pet(s). Another option is a "legal trust" in which the pet is left as property, (and dogs are considered to be property in Michigan) along with a sum of money, to the person named as the beneficiary. It is best to talk with an experienced estate attorney (ideally one who has previously drafted pet trusts) about what kind of trust is permissible in Michigan and which one best fits your needs.

See you at the picnic in July.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 4, 2011 - Dog Days in the Park, Grand Rapids
June 18, 2011 - Bark-A-Bout (Tentative)
July 16, 2011 - Westie meeting and picnic at Bev Walker's home
September 19, 2011 - Westie meeting @ Howell Rec. Center
November 21, 2011 - Westie meeting @ Howell Rec. Center
Christmas Party Date - not yet set

MEETING MINUTES MAY 15, 2011

Attendees: Carole Beaudry, Jim Beaudry, Jackie Curtis, Angela Evans, Chris Gillespie, Kathy Kittle, Janet Lindgren, James Lyddon, Roxanne Morway, John Morway, Sue Peters, Martha Sayles, Bev Walker, Cathy Weishaupt, Beth Widdows

General Business

- ❖ Reading of the Minutes of the March 21, 2011 meeting was waived.
- ❖ Report of President - None
- ❖ Report of Secretary - None
- ❖ Report of Treasurer
 - Kris Tousley presented a proposed change to the Club expenditure policy to cover authorized and unauthorized spending. The proposal is below:

The following shall have authority to spend up to \$100 of Club funds on an annual basis for their respective Club operations/scheduled activities, without first obtaining approval from the Club Board of Directors or the Club membership at a regularly scheduled meeting:

 1. All Club Officers
 2. Club Show Secretary
 3. Club Trophy Chairman (for fall and spring Specialty shows, only)

Members questioned the efficiency of this proposal since it could either delay or decline reimbursement to a Club member who expended personal funds for a Club expense. Kris explained that any known upcoming expenses needing approval would first be discussed during a Club meeting. If that is not possible, then whoever expects reimbursement reimbursed for an amount up to \$100, will contact the Treasurer, who in turn will immediately poll the Board for approval. Beth Widdows recommended and motioned that an amendment to the new policy include Show Chairperson and Show Secretary as having authority without first obtaining approval from the Board, since expenses in connection with Show costs occur on an as needed basis. Martha Sayles seconded the amendment and motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

❖ Committee Reports

- Rescue - Carole Beaudry handed out a current Rescue report and reported that four Westies are in currently in care. Carole also reported that earnings from the Silent Auction at Specialty were \$4,500, including \$1,653 from the quilt raffle. Beth Widdows has stepped down as Rescue Chairperson to allow her to spend more time with her Westies and for family reasons. Beth handed out an information sheet on the reorganization of the job responsibilities as Rescue Chairperson, which includes positions and names of Club members and/or those of the Foster group who have assumed these responsibilities.
- Education - Carole Beaudry reported that around Memorial Day she will place ads in the usual newspapers. The sale of flags continues to be a money maker for Education. Show sales brought in \$188 and sales during the month of April totaled \$190.87.
- Specialty 2011 - Show Chair, Jackie Curtis, reported and passed out a Profit and Loss spreadsheet covering income and expenses for Shows from 2003 through 2011. In 2011, the net income from the Show for the Club was -\$540.10. Overall, the Show was a success, despite low attendance by spectators and less entries. It was agreed that this is due to the current depressed economy.

Jackie asked that throughout the year members look for nice, new quality Westie items to sell for both the Club and Rescue's silent auctions. The sales from the Club Silent Auction are supposed to be a profitable money maker for the Club, which supports Club costs. Beth suggested if someone finds an expensive item, two or three people could purchase it. Art works and blankets are usually popular items. Jackie indicated she is tracking items used in the show and who is keeping the items such as any tables, the stuffed dogs, skirts, easels, etc., and lunch menu (brought in and left over) for reference for the following year. The information is documented on the website under Members only.

Janet Lindgren reported that the judges were pleased overall with the show and the Westies that participated. Jackie has sent an email to both judges asking for their critique of the show. Jackie asked that from now on when a judge is chosen that we also put in writing that a written critique of the show will be expected from each judge. Jackie Curtis volunteered to be Show Chair for 2012. She also requested that the Judge's committee assume the responsibilities of handling the judges' needs, i.e., travel arrangements, accommodations, corsages, etc. Martha Sayles motioned that the Judges' Committee handle these responsibilities from now on. Carole Beaudry seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. This will relieve the Show Chair from these additional responsibilities, which in turn will make it easier for members to accept the position of Show Chair. Beth Widdows indicated that AKC compliance requirements for 2012 have been fulfilled and are being sent in to the AKC.

❖ Waqtales

- Articles, pictures and any information are due by May 23, 2011.

❖ Website

- Angela Evans asked for pictures of Club Westies to be submitted to her. She recommended looking over the link tab entitled "Our Westies" to view what some of our Westies have accomplished. There will be a new addition to the site for Westies who have achieved Champion status. Look for it in the near future.

❖ Membership

- A second reading was held for Chris Gillespie, who as a new active member is already very involved in the Club. Chris' application was voted on and she was accepted into the Club. Cathy Weishaupt asked if the associate application for Kristin Hoffman was received. As of the meeting, the application was not presented; however, Kristin was accepted as an associate member, pending that her application has been submitted to Dee Rakic. Angela will contact Dee to follow up on the application.

❖ Miscellaneous

- Summer picnic - Picnic will be on July 16th at Bev Walker's home. There will be a \$6 donation towards the purchase of chicken, with those coming to bring a dish to pass. John and Roxanne Morway will bring the pop that was left over from the show. Bev asked for help setting up on Friday evening and after the picnic is over.
- Club activities and future events - Jackie Curtis and Sue Peters reported on the upcoming Club activities scheduled for May 21 in Shelby Township, May 28, May 29 in Frankenmuth, and June 4 in Grand Rapids. To date no one has volunteered for June 18th. Sue suggested that we not attend this event because it is strictly an Adopt-A-Thon. Sue also indicated that she is willing to seek out and attend these types of activities in the future, as long as she has at least 2 other people attending with her. So far the Club has been using a tent that belongs to Martha Sayles. Martha requested that eventually the Club will need to have its own tent so she can use hers for camping. Beth motioned that approval be given for a tent costing up to \$150 be purchased, with the cost split between the Club, Rescue and Education. Everyone voted yes for this purchase. Sue Peters and Chris Finkbeiner will shop for and purchase the tent.

- ❖ Other Unfinished Business
 - Jackie Curtis has obtained the application from Equisure to provide insurance coverage for Club Officers and Board members. Kris Tousley will complete the application and send it to Equisure.
 - Breeder referrals - Kris Tousley reported that she has recently received a few calls and referred the inquiries to Club breeders. The need for the position of breeder referral was questioned since each breeder's name and phone number is posted on the website.
- ❖ New Business
 - Kris Tousley will chair the nominating committee for 2012 elections to be held in November.
- ❖ New Litters
 - No new litters at this time. Bev Walker has two 14 week old boys.
- ❖ Member Activities
 - Jake has 2 Flyball titles.

Next Club Meeting and Summer Picnic - Saturday, July 16, 2011
Meeting at 11:00 a.m.
Picnic at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Bev Walker's home in Fenton, Michigan;
See upcoming events on the website for details

BOARD MEETING MINTUES MAY 15, 2011

Board Members in Attendance: Janet Lindgren, Martha Sayles, Kris Tousley, Angela Evans, James Lyddon, Bev Walker, Cathy Weishaupt

- ❖ Minutes of Last Meeting were waived
- ❖ Report of President - None
- ❖ Report of Secretary - None
- ❖ Report of Treasurer - Kris Tousley presented a proposed change to the Club expenditure policy to cover authorized and unauthorized spending. The proposal is below:

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Martha Sayles proposed that item number 3 include trophy expenditures for the fall and spring Specialty shows, only, and this was unanimously agreed upon.

- ❖ Reports of Committees - None
- ❖ Unfinished Business - Janet Lindgren and Cathy Weishaupt reported that after reviewing the National Club's Code of Ethics compared to the Club's Code of Ethics that the Club's Code of Ethics is more detailed and specific. They pointed out that the Club's Code of Ethics is sufficient and should stand as is without any changes. Martha Sayles motioned that the Club's Code of Ethics are accepted in its current form, Bev Walker seconded the motion, with a unanimous vote by the rest of the Board.
- ❖ New Business - None

Adjournment