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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Janet Lindgren

The Briarcliff Westies have been busy ferreting out the voles in the yard. Recently there were three that I know of, but there may be others I did not see. I suspect this because of the sometimes reluctance to come in.

Sympathy goes to Linda Gassman for her recent loss of her beloved Westie. Those of us who have gone through it understand the depth of her grief.

In the December issue of the American Kennel Club Gazette there was an article summarizing a presentation by well known Dr. Jean Dodds on the adverse effects of vaccines in dogs. In it there were many examples given of the varied clinical signs associated with vaccines. "Vaccination programs should not be 'one size fits all'. The key is to evaluate each dog's needs individually. Vaccination schemes should be tailored to individual dogs, based on risk." A couple of alternatives to current vaccine practices mentioned were (1) Measure antibody titers to determine if the dog needs to be vaccinated (2) Don't over vaccinate and avoid unnecessary vaccines. (3) Start vaccines later (9 to 10 weeks) so that the immune system can handle the challenge.

I recently read Intervet/Schering Plough Animal Health, combining antibacterial, anti-inflammatory and antifungal medications, developed Postatex Otic Suspension, an effective once-a-day treatment for otitis externa.

For this new year I continue to work on trying not to be judgmental. One does not always know what is behind another's actions. I think of Carrie Robertson's line "Be kind, for everyone is engaged in a great battle"

A Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 4-6, 2011 - Lure Racing, Cobo Hall
March 21, 2011 - Westie Meeting @ Howell Rec. Center
April 29, 2011 Set up for Specialty at AADTC in Whitmore Lake
April 30, 2011 Annual Specialty
May 16, 2011 - Westie Meeting @ Howell Rec. Center

NEW LITTERS

South Shore's Good Gracious and daddy Ch. Glenlea South Shore Qwik Step are pleased to announce four puppies, three girls and one boy, born Christmas Eve. All are doing fine and will be ready for new homes on February 26, 2011.

MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

Attendees: Barb Boggess, Janice Collins, Jackie Curtis, Angela Evans, Chris Gillespie, Linda Jeffery, Kathy Kittle, Janet Lindgren, James Lyddon, Chet Mienaltowski, Sue Mienaltowski, Roxanne Morway, John Morway, Sue Peters, Martha Sayles, Sunny Sheppard, Bev Walker, Cathy Weishaupt, Beth Widdows

Introduction of new member applicant: Chris Gillespie is applying for Active membership. Chris has been a foster mom and she has adopted Tinker.

General Business

- ❖ Reading of the Minutes of the September 20, 2010 meeting was waived.
- ❖ Report of President – None.
- ❖ Report of Secretary
 - Angela Evans reported that the Club has not paid its subscription to Imprint for the current year, the magazine is issued by the National Westie Club of America. The subscription rate for one year is \$40. Angela suggested the Club discontinue its subscription for the reason that usually anyone interested in receiving Imprint has their own subscription. A motion was put to the floor and passed that the Club's subscription to Imprint would not be continued.
- ❖ Report of Treasurer
 - Jackie Curtis reported that the Club's insurance is due around the middle of December. Jackie asked if the Officers and Directors would be interested in spending additional Club funds for insurance that would cover the Officers and Directors. The cost would be \$1,200, instead of \$600 a year. The coverage is obtained through Equisure which is an insurance company that has partnered with the AKC to provide insurance to Clubs. Janice Collins explained what type coverage would be provided and what the reasons are for needing coverage to protect Officers and Directors. This means any actions or even inactions by an Officer or Director. For example, an email, a website, a verbal recommendation, libel against another member, or where there is a financial loss or personal loss, would be reason for legal action. This would not cover injuries that are covered under the Club's insurance as general liability. Janice stated that most clubs don't have these types of lawsuits, but it is possible. With this coverage, an Officer or Director would be protected, including covering defense costs. Jackie stated that there have been Club members who have declined being a candidate for the Board for the very reason being lack of insurance coverage. Chet asked what the deductible would be if the additional coverage was obtained. Chet also asked for a brochure or information with what the coverage would entail. Jackie will find out what the deductible is and will report back at the next meeting. Jackie suggested donating \$500 to Westie Foundation instead of \$1,000 until a decision has been made regarding coverage for Officers and Directors. No vote was taken so we will continue to plan on donating \$1,000, unless voted upon otherwise by Club members. A suggestion was made that Googling "insurance for Officers and Directors" can be a way to find out further information for anyone who wants to read more on their own.
 - Jackie has finished researching 501c3 status for rescue. The advice given was that Rescue does qualify, but the decision was made that it would not be beneficial to separate in order to get the 501c3 status, due to the small size of our group and the high cost of insurance if separate. A dog club can qualify as a charitable organization, however, not as a 501c3, which is a subsection which would allow us to give tax deductions in return for donations. We will not qualify for the 2010 tax year. We will be able to qualify for tax exempt status in 2011 going forward. Donations to the Club will not be tax deductible for those donating, yet a tax exempt status will save the Club at least \$600 to \$800 a year in taxes.
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Rescue – Beth Widdows reported that four Westies are in care. A rescue report was handed out and Beth relayed the status for each Westie presently in care.
 - Education – Jackie reported ads continue to run in the Lansing Journal newspaper and Carole Beaudry is placing ads in different papers, too. Education has done very well with flag sales. Since Education carries their own balance in an account, the committee has turned over quite a bit of their flags to Rescue in order for Rescue to benefit from the sales.

- Specialty 2011 – Bev Walker has the list for trophy sponsors. Bev is currently taking donations and will continue to take donations at the Christmas Party, which will be the cutoff date to sign up. Bev explained for new members what sponsoring a trophy means. Martha Sayles needs one more ring steward and indicated that she has a member who may be available to fill that spot. Chet and Angela will chair the breakfast and lunch committees. Beth suggested members look out for opportunities to advertise the Show in a local paper, a radio station, or current events websites. Beth recommended that we place in the premium list the Club is accepting ads for the Show Catalog. Martha and Jackie will work with MBF to include this in the premium list. The premium list goes out in February and ads are due to Beth by the second week in March. Martha reported that an ad will be in the next issue of Imprint. Beth indicated for 2012, we should include in the Imprint ad that we are accepting ads for the catalog. Beth also asked that the next article for Imprint include we are accepting ads for the Show Catalog. Janice Collins will chair Club Silent Auction. Items can be brought to the Christmas Party. Beth will handle the Silent Auction for Rescue and will form a committee. Martha asked for a chairperson to handle decorating. The Show theme is Made in Michigan so decorations will be along those lines. John and Roxanne Morway volunteered to assist with a committee wherever needed. Sue Peters brought in a large Westie statuary to show and maybe consider selling a few at the Show. Beth recommended if Club members were interested in purchasing one, then we could place an order to sell a few at the Show. Jackie said that there is a statuary store in Livonia that sells the same statuary. She can ask how much they would sell a small quantity for. With regard to pricing for catalog ads, it was agreed the price will remain the same as in 2010.
- ❖ Wagtales
 - Articles, pictures and any information are due by January 24, 2011.
- ❖ Website
 - Angela Evans reported that the Website seems to be working well. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact her.
- ❖ Membership
 - Associate membership applications were read, voted upon and accepted for Eileen Michael and Christine Stump.
- ❖ New Business - Election of Officers and Board for 2011
 - Janet Lindgren read off the names of those running for Officer and Board positions. Angela Evans motioned that the candidates be voted in for 2011. Kathy Kittle seconded the motion. For 2011, the Officers and Board are as follows: President, Janet Lindgren, Vice President, Martha Sayles; Treasurer, Kris Tousley; Secretary, Angela Evans; Board: James Lyddon, Bev Walker and Cathy Weishaupt.
- ❖ Other Unfinished Business
 - The main items this year will be hors d'oeuvres and desserts, which will be set out from 1 to 4. It was recommended everyone bring their own beverage. John and Roxanne Morway will bring the extra cans of pop from the summer picnic and an ice cooler. Jackie has napkins and bowls. Bev has cups and plastic wear. Both will check on the number of plates they have. X-pens are needed. Girls should wear their piddle pants and boys in belly bands. Our usual Secret Santa will be held. Those participating should bring one item (\$10 or under) per dog attending from your family. Martha Sayles has the Santa suit and will bring it to the party.
- ❖ Miscellaneous
 - New litters – Bev Walker's Mia is expecting on November 30th. Janet Lindgren has a litter due next week. Jeannine Price is expecting a litter any day now.
 - Molly Widdows earned her EE. She is only the second Westie in the country to have earned this title. Jake Widdows earned his Open Agility Standard Title.
 - Kathy Kittle's boy, Kilt's Heaven N'Earth (Keegan), earned his first Major in Illinois on October 23rd. Keegan was handled conditioned by Courtney Kniola.
 - Barb Boggess' 20 month old puppy, Maeve Binchy of Loch Thistle Kennel, won her American Championship. Maeve was handled by Allison Sunderman.

Ajournment

Next Club Meeting March 21, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., Howell Recreation Center