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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Janet Lindgren

Although it is still in the thirties as I write this, spring is here. The daffodils are in bud and robins and Sandhill Cranes have returned. AND ... the Westies are digging!

Our sympathy goes to Barb Boggess who lost her dear little Maggie recently. I have grieved many times for the four footies I have lived with and it is difficult every time.

Spring has me thinking about grooming. I allow the coats to grow in the winter for warmth. It insulates them so well - no need to put coats on them.. I also think they look charming when they are a bit shaggy - so natural. I have always stripped the coats on all my dogs as I like the harsh coat the breed has. This year due to my tendonitis, I am afraid that will have to change and not all will be stripped. Now show grooming is another story. When I started showing over 40 years ago, we stripped the coats - including the heads -and to prepare for the show, a little dry shampoo and some chalk was all that was needed and you were good to go into the ring. Personally, I dislike what show grooming has become - with the mousse, the teasing, the gel, so much hairspray and so much scissoring. (And the AKC says "no foreign substances in the coat") It is very disheartening when spectators at a show ask "Are those Bichons?" due to the way the heads are groomed. They look so "sculpted". Additionally, the standard says "a two inch coat" but many are shown much shorter. Things change, but we don't have to like the changes.

Everything seems to be in order for our April 30 Specialty Show. We have a Westie breeder from Canada judging the Sweepstakes and another old time Westie breeder from Illinois judging the regular classes. Should be exciting. See you there.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

July 16, 2011 - Westie meeting and picnic at Bev Walker's home

September 19, 2011 - Westie meeting @ Howell Rec. Center

NEW LITTERS

Cathy Weishaupt

12/24/10, 3 females, 1 male. Sire: Ch. Glenlea's South Shore Qwik Step, (Max), owned by Bev Walker and Jeanine Price, and mama is my Gracie, South Shore's Good Gracious. 3 puppies have been placed but 1 female available for sale.

MEETING MINUTES MARCH 21, 2011

Attendees: Carole Beaudry, Sherry Bittles, Janice Collins, Jackie Curtis, Angela Evans, Kathy Kittle, Janet Lindgren, James Lyddon, Roxanne Morway, John Morway, Maggie Murray, Sue Peters, Martha Sayles, Bev Walker, Cathy Weishaupt, Beth Widdows

General Business

- ❖ Reading of the Minutes of the November 15, 2010 meeting was waived.
- ❖ Report of President - None.
- ❖ Report of Secretary
 - Terrier Topics Winter 2011 Issue was passed around. Also, an advertisement for Motel 6 that it is a pet friendly motel.
- ❖ Report of Treasurer
 - Jackie Curtis reported that the State and Federal tax returns for 2010 have been filed.
- ❖ Committee Reports
 - Rescue - Carole Beaudry reported that six Westies are in currently in care and three are pending adoption. A report was distributed and Carole reported on the status for each Westie. Beth Widdows reported that Ann Marie Mannino would donate 5% of her commissions to Rescue, for anyone who chooses to have her photograph their dog.
 - Education - Carole Beaudry reported that she placed ads again in the usual newspapers. The sale of flags continues to be a money maker for Education. Education has given some of their flags to Rescue so that Rescue can benefit from the sales. Sue Peters and Chris Finkbeiner will keep all Education materials
 - Specialty 2011 - Bev Walker has ordered the trophies. Once Bev knows the amount of entries, then she will be all set. Also, will order the Medallion for Best of Breed. Bev will handle ordering the corsages and flowers for the judges. Jackie reported that Jim Beaudry has volunteered to take the judge back to the airport on Saturday, after the Show. Jackie will arrange for a car to pick up the judge on Friday, so no one has to leave set up early or fight rush hour traffic. Beth Widdows indicated that AKC compliance requirements are in order. The Dog Show 101 pamphlet will be available to hand out and the announcement of its availability will be made throughout the day. Beth stated that Catalog sales were much lower this year. There was a profit of \$452. Beth suggested that in the future, if each club member asked their Vet or groomer to place a small ad, even if it's just a business card, that the Club would make a higher profit. Catalog ad sales are strictly a money maker with profits benefiting the Club. Maggie Murray reported that rescue gift bags have been purchased and the Piper has been booked. Tom Curtis will be the announcer for the parade and Beth will write the script. Matt Sprygada has been asked to photograph the parade. Jim Beaudry will handle the selling of raffle tickets during the show. Jackie reported that since the raffle has been on the Website, 175 tickets have been sold. Only 1,000 tickets will be printed for selling. Jackie asked for Club members to sell to non-Westie people. The prize is either a Westie Quilt or an Amazon.com gift certificate worth \$250. During the meeting, additional members signed up to bring food items for the lunch buffet. Angela Evans will purchase from Gordon Foods plates, bowls, utensils, and napkins. Bev Walker will bring cups. Angela will email Chet to ask if he is bringing the table cloths. Kathy Kittle and Roxanne Morway are assisting with lunch set up. John Morway will be selling the lunch tickets. Angela has arranged for clean up help after the Show. Jackie and Tom Curtis, Angela, Martha and Tom Sayles, and Roxanne and John Morway will take down and clean the AADTC once the Show is over. Silent auction items will be ticketed and secured to the baskets. Sue Peters will handle garage sale items. Beth Widdows will assemble Exhibitor bags. Beth was asked if she has enough items to fill these bags. Beth said once she has had an opportunity to look over all the items brought to the meeting, and then she would have a better idea. It was discussed whether or not Exhibitor bags should be continued after this year's Show. Is it too much to ask Club members to contribute to Exhibitor bags, Rescue bags, etc? Beth indicated that having Exhibitor bags was a way of thanking the Exhibitors for entering the Show. She said that the items don't have to be costly. Jackie has reported that most all job positions have been filled. Jackie asked Cathy Weishaupt if she was showing since Cathy usually sells Catalogs and handles marking one to submit to AKC and the National Club. Jackie indicated that she must have someone mark up a "good" catalog. Janet Lindgren volunteered to mark up a Catalog, if she decides not to show. Cathy Kelley and Barb Boggess are assigned as Ring Stewards. Set up for the Show is Friday beginning at 2 p.m.

- ❖ Wagtales
 - Articles, pictures and any information are due by March 28, 2011.
- ❖ Website
 - Angela Evans asked for pictures from Cobo Hall Lure Racing to place on the Website. There are currently two pictures on the site. Jackie Curtis indicated that an article and pictures will be forwarded to Beth for Wagtales.
- ❖ Membership
 - No readings were submitted. Angela will contact Chris Gillespie to remind her that since she was absent at the March meeting, attending the May meeting would be her second reading for active membership.
- ❖ Other Unfinished Business
 - A discussion was held regarding insurance coverage for officers and directors of the Club. It was decided that insurance coverage must be obtained as soon as possible. Beth Widdows motioned that the Jackie Curtis will contact Equisure to obtain a policy to cover officers and directors and that Jackie Curtis be given the authorization to select and purchase a policy. Carole Beaudry seconded the Motion. As soon as Jackie has a few quotes, she will email Janice Collins the quotes for her review.
- ❖ New Business
 - July 16, 2011 was set as the date for the July Club meeting and picnic at Bev Walker's house.
 - Jackie suggested that the Club schedule more activities where we can promote the Club and have fun doing so. Because the number of active members has gotten smaller, having other events that are fun might help to encourage more participation from members and produce new active members. A few events mentioned were: Dog Bowl in Frankenmuth over Memorial Day weekend, where we can have a booth for free; on June 4th in Grand Rapids we can set up a booth for \$1 and participate in an event; Renaissance Festive has a Pet Weekend. Jackie Curtis will post these events to the group so that anyone who is interested can participate. It was mentioned that several Club members have pop up tents that we can use at these events. Sue Peters said she would be interested in promoting the Club at these and other events. Sue also indicated that she would need to handle the logistics of the Educational materials to distribute at any events. We need to make sure we have enough breeder cards because there weren't enough at Cobo
 - Cathy Weishaupt suggested that every year a different club member handle breeder referral. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- ❖ New Litters
 - Bev Walker has two new litters. One from Fuchsia and Max, and the other from Lola and Max.
- ❖ Member Activities
 - Molly and Glennie Widdows were Toto in the Wizard of Oz production at Troy Athens High School.
 - Lure racing at Cobo went smoothly. We had a few new dogs run and they all did a good job.
 - Bev Walker showed at Cobo and her dogs placed as follows: Sat., March 5, 2011, Glenlea's South Shore Qwik Step, Best of Opposite, Detroit Kennel Club Sun., March 6, 2011, Glenlea's South Shore Qwik Step, Grand Champion Select Award, Detroit Kennel Club, Fri., March 18, Glenlea's South Shore Qwik Step, Grand Champion Select Award, Louisville Kennel Club. Sat., March 5, 2011, South Shore It's All About The Qwik Step, Best of Breed, Winners, Best of Winners, Detroit Kennel Club, Sat., March 5, 2011, South Shore It's All About The Qwik Step, Best Puppy in Show Competition, Terrier Group Four.

Adjournment

Next Club Meeting May 16, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., Howell Recreation Center