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Westie Wagtales



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of
Southeastern Michigan

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Bev Walker

Hi All! Hope you are enjoying the warmer weather that is finally here. By the time you read this, the Dog Bowl weekend will be over. Sue Peters has a whole list of fun events for you and the LWD's to attend this summer. Please plan to participate. Summer picnic is July 14. If you have any suggestions on what would make it better, please let me know. Sue Peters has made up a cute ad for picnic that you will be seeing. By the way guys - Specialty, in one word.....AWSOME!!! Hope to see you all at picnic. Be sure to RSVP

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dog Day in the Park, Gr. Rapids - June 2, 2012 8am-3pm
Westie Picnic, Fenton, MI - July 14, 2012 11am meeting
Christmas Party, December 9, 2012 Howell Rec Center, 12noon setup, party from 1pm - 5pm

Looking For a Club Treasurer!!!!

Please consider volunteering to run for Treasurer of the Club this November. With Rescue and Education moving to their own Corporation, the Club Treasurer responsibilities will be less than they were.

Treasurer's Responsibilities

Following, by month, are the responsibilities of the Treasurer of the West Highland White Terrier Club of Southeast Michigan:

January/February

- Cash annual dues checks as received from membership chair
- Complete Michigan Sales Tax Return
- Compile tax information for federal tax filing

March

- Print balance sheet and profit and loss reports (P&L) for meeting

April

- Pay required people at Spring Show

May

- Pay AKC, MBF, and reimburse club members for show expenses
- Count and allocate all monies from show.
- Prepare show finance report for meeting
- Print balance sheet and P&L reports for meeting

June

- Pay AADTC for spring show rental when show chair asks for it.

July

- Print balance sheet and P&L reports for meeting
- Pay for trophies for spring and fall show as needed.

September

- Prepare Incorporation form and mail form to state with fee.
- Pay AKC fee as required by show chairs.
- Print balance sheet and P&L reports for meeting

November

- Print balance sheet and P&L reports for meeting

December

- Pay Annual Insurance Premiums and request proof of insurance for spring show.
- Cash club dues checks as received from membership chair
- Pay all expenses to club members before year end.
- Decide on date and close books at end of December

Monthly

- Post all transactions to accounting program
- Balance checkbook
- Receive club sales spreadsheet and post to accounting program
- Cash all checks as received.
- Pay club expenses as required

MEETING MINUTES May 21, 2012

Present: Carole Beaudry, Jackie Curtis, Angela Evans, Kathy Kittle, Janet Lindgren, James Lyddon, Chet Mienaltowski, Sue Mienaltowski, Sue Peters, Gary Porrett, Bev Walker, Beth Widdows

General Business

- ❖ Reading of the Minutes from the March 19, 2012 meeting was waived.
- ❖ Report of President - None
- ❖ Report of Secretary - None
- ❖ Report of Treasurer - Jackie Curtis reported that the Directors & Officers insurance in the amount of \$815 for 2012 has been paid. Liability insurance in the amount of \$600 has also been paid. Jackie provided a Profit & Loss report of all transactions for Specialty from the years 2003 through 2012. The show showed a loss of \$325.08 for 2012. In 2011, there was a loss of \$680.49. Jackie indicated that she usually does not include the sale of collars and leashes in the report, because those items are an on-going sale item through Ebay. Jackie stated that \$100 was sold in collars and leashes, including \$39 in other miscellaneous items, i.e., cookie cutters.

❖ Committee Reports

Rescue - Carole Beaudry reported that Rescue has taken in 3 dogs who are still in care since their last report: Abbie, Tilly and Mia.

Education - Carole Beaudry reported that sales at Specialty were profitable. Sue Peters gave a report on possible upcoming events. On May 26 and 27, the Club is scheduled to participate in the Frankenmuth Dog Bowl. However, we may be there on Saturday only, due to lack of volunteers. Other possible events are: June 30 and July 1, Highland Games in Lake Orion; August 3 & 4, St. Andrews Highland Games, Livonia; August 18 & 19, Royal Pet & Ale Weekend, Clarkston; August 25, Kalamazoo Scottish Festival; September 15, Dog Days in the Park, Grand Rapids; September 21 & 23, Novi Pet Expo (not in November this year). Sue would appreciate members contacting her if they are interested in attending an event.

Club Fundraising - Gary Porrett is looking into pricing for t-shirts and sweatshirts as Club fundraising items. He has made contact with a vendor, but has not received a reply yet.

Spring Specialty - Jackie Curtis reported that the show was a huge success this year. Chet commented that as a result of Sue Peters advertising the show on line and in various newspapers, the Show drew many new visitors. Because of the number of people at the Show, the lunch committee was short on food; however, anyone who bought lunch had enough to eat. Jackie provided a critique from Linda Wells, the Regular Class Judge. Comments from both Sweeps and Regular Class judges will be printed in the next issue of Wagtales*. Jackie stated that Catalog ads brought in the most income for the show. Beth suggested that a Club fundraising project for the Fundraising committee would be to focus on bringing in even more ads for next year's catalog. Jackie announced that Adela Rivera volunteered to be Show Chairperson and Roxanne Morway as Show Secretary for 2013. Beth reported that AKC Compliance requirements for 2013 have been submitted to the AKC. *Editor note: They are both in this issue.

Monroe Fall Specialty 2012 - The application for the Fall show, including judges' names has submitted to AKC.

Wagtales - Articles, pictures and any information are due by May 28, 2012.

Website - Beth Widdows reported that the new Rescue website is now up and running. The conversions for all three sites (Club, Education and Rescue) have been completed. Because Beth was able to make the conversion for Education's site, Education does not owe any money to the developer.

Membership - Gary and Lynda Porrett applied for Active membership and were present at the March 19, 2012 meeting for their first reading. Gary was present at this meeting for a second reading; Lynda was not able to attend. Angela Evans motioned that both Gary and Lynda be voted in as Active members, even though Lynda was not present. Beth seconded the motion. A vote was held; and Gary and Lynda were accepted as Active members.

- ❖ **Miscellaneous** - Gary Porrett indicated that Lynda has not received the list of names from people who recently bought a puppy from Club breeders. Gary reminded all breeders to forward the names so Lynda can mail out car decals.

Bev Walker indicated that since attendance at the picnic has been low in the past couple years that members must RSVP by July 10, in order to know whether or not to arrange for and have the tent set up. Sue Peters volunteered to assist Bev with the picnic. Sue suggested placing tunnels, a pool or other play items in the yard for the dogs. Sue will draw up a flier for the picnic. The flier will be posted on the website, in the newsletter and emailed to the group list. Sue asked about sending the flier to those who have adopted through Rescue. Beth suggested Sue forward the flier to Jean Story, who can email the flier to recent adopters. Bev stated that Adela Rivera volunteered to call all members reminding them to attend.

A date for the Christmas party was tentatively scheduled for either Sunday, December 2 or Sunday, December 9. Jackie will check the AKC website for dog shows on either weekend. The Howell Rec Center will then be booked for one of these Sundays. Sue Peters volunteered to work on the set up and planning. Set up will be from 12 to 1, with the party beginning at 1 and ending at 4.

- ❖ **New Business** - Chet Mienaltowski, Gary Porrett and Janet Lindgren will head the Nominating Committee for 2012 elections.

The position of Club Historian was discussed; specifically what are the responsibilities of a Club Historian. Janet said it includes maintaining copies of newsletters, pictures, and a history of the club. Sue Peters volunteered to assume the position of Club Historian.

Jackie Curtis and Beth reported that they met with an attorney who specializes in non-profit organizations. The attorney made the following recommendations:

- The Club remain as it is currently, without a 501 status.
- Rescue separate and become a 501c3 organization.
- Education separate and become part of the same 501c3 organization with Rescue.

The reasons for these recommendations are that the Club does not qualify for 501c3 and it does not bring in enough money to justify the extra work and expense related to any 501 status. Rescue does not qualify for anything but a 501c3. Legally it must register as a "charity" with the State of Michigan in order to continue to fundraise at the currently level. The State will not register Rescue unless it files for 501 status. Rescue will continue to operate as the Club's Rescue arm and will continue to be used as part of the Compliance documentation so the Club can continue to put on shows. There should be very little impact on the Club as a whole, except that Rescue may be able to legally "sponsor" some Club activities as part of their work. Education does qualify for 501c3, so it makes sense to put in the in the same organization as Rescue. Education will continue to operate as the Club's Education arm and will continue to be used as part of the Compliance documentation for putting on shows. Qualifying as a 501c3 status will allow Rescue and Education to be exempt from federal taxes and offer tax deductions to donors. Pulling Rescue and Education out of the Club legal entity will greatly simplify the Club Treasurer's job and also allow Club to be in a lower tax bracket.

New Litters - No new litters.

Member Activities - Helen Roth's Connor earned his Canadian CD with 3 first places, 1 second place and won High in Trial three out of four shows in Sault Ste Marie, Canada. This is a huge achievement for a Westie.

Next Club Meeting
Saturday, July 14, 2012 at 11 a.m.; Picnic to begin at 1 p.m.
Location: Bev Walker's home in Fenton, Michigan
Adjournment

Board Meeting Minutes May 21, 2012

Attendance: Bev Walker, Jackie Curtis, Angela Evans, James Lyddon

- ❖ Reading of Minutes of last meeting were waived
- ❖ Report of President - None
- ❖ Report of Secretary - Discussed letter received in November 2011 from WestieMed, Inc. requesting donations. Jackie suggested donating to more than one organization, rather than donating funds to only one organization.
- ❖ Report of Treasurer - Jackie submitted a report on the 2012 Specialty. also report in detail during the Club meeting.
- ❖ Unfinished Business - None.
- ❖ New Business

At the Novi Show this past November, Jackie Curtis received information regarding doing a live video broadcast on the internet for our Spring show. It was decided that the cost of \$400 for a flat fee is not feasible at this time, and that there most likely wouldn't be a demand for a video broadcast.

There was a discussion whether or not there is a need to have a Release signed by Exhibitors for authorization to take photos of dogs in the ring at the Spring and Fall shows. Bev indicated that when she shows, even at Cobo, Exhibitors are not asked to sign a Release. The Board agreed that at this time the Club would not require signed Releases.

Club fundraising was discussed. Jackie indicated that Adela Rivera, along with Gary and Lynda Porrett, are on the Fundraising committee.

Adjournment