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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Bev Walker

Hi All! Hope you and all the LWD's had a great holiday season and that all the good little Westies got some of their favorite things. Looking forward to Cobo Hall next month. Hope we have a good turnout at lure racing and conformation. Please come and support the exhibitors. Specialty is just around the corner and I'm sure it will be a success. It always seems to pull together. I see the national club is looking for clubs to host a roving. I was approached at specialty last year about our club hosting one. They are always so impressed with our specialty that they just had to ask. That is a real compliment to our stand alone show. Anyway, look forward to seeing lots of you at Cobo.

Bev

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Cobo Hall - Conformation and Terrier Racing - March 2-3, 2013
 Meeting - March 18, 2013 Howell Rec. Center 7:30 pm
 Spring Speciality - April 27, 2013 Whitmore Lake, MI
 Meeting - May 20, 2013 Howell Rec. Center 7:30 pm

DOG SHOWS			Jackie Curtis
Date	Location	Type of Event	Sponsoring Club
Feb 1, 2, 3	Wyoming	Agility	Various
Feb 8, 9, 19	Dexter	Agility	AADTC
Feb 15, 16, 17	Dexter	Agility	Canine Combustion Agility Club
Feb 22, 23, 24	Dexter	Agility	Capital City Agility Club
Feb 22, 23, 24	Warren	Obedience and Rally	Sportsmens Dog Training Club
March 1, 2, 3	Lapeer	Agility	Sportsmens Dog Training Club
March 2 & 3	Detroit	Conformation, Obedience, Rally	Detroit Kennel Club
March 8, 9,10	Lapeer	Agility	Oakland County KC
March 9&10	Buchanan	Obedience and Rally	St. Joe Valley Agility Club
March 22, 23, 24	Flint	Obedience and Rally	Companion Dog Trg Club of Flint
March 29, 30, 31	Kalamazoo	Agility, Obedience, Rally	Kalamazoo KC
April 6 & 7	Birch Run	Conformation, Obedience, Rally	Saginaw Valley KC
April 19, 20, 21	Whitmore Lake	Agility	AADTC
April 26th	Birch Run	Conformation	Terrier Club of Michigan
April 27th	Whitmore Lake	Conformation Specialty Westies	WHWTCSEM
April 26, 27, 28	Birch Run	Conformation Obedience, Rally	Progressive Dog Club

MEETING MINUTES November 19, 2012

Present: Carole Beaudry, Jim Beaudry, Jackie Curtis, Angela Evans, Cathy Kelley, Matt Kelley, James Lyddon, Chet Mienaltowski, Sue Mienaltowski, Sue Peters, Lynda Porrett, Gary Porrett, Jeannine Price, Adela Rivera, Doris Saygan, Robert Saygan, Beth Widdows

General Business

Reading of the Minutes from the September 17, 2012 meeting was waived.

- ❖ **Report of President** - Not present
- ❖ **Report of Secretary** - None
- ❖ **Report of Treasurer** - Jackie Curtis distributed a profit and loss sheet for January 1, 2012 through the current date. Jackie reported that a new order for collars and leashes was recently placed.
- ❖ **Committee Reports**
 - Club Fundraising** - Jackie Curtis stated that new types of fundraising are needed for the Club. Adela Rivera and Gary Porrett, who are on the Club fundraising committee, will continue to work on new fundraising ideas. Jackie indicated that Bev Walker has two possible raffle items for the Show. One is a Westie Bird House and the other a Westie Weather Vane.
 - Specialty 2013 - Trophy Sponsors**: Jackie Curtis had the Trophy Sponsor Sheet for anyone who was interested to sign up for a trophy after the meeting. Bev Walker will have the sign-up sheet at the Christmas Party, which is the last time for signing up to, sponsor a trophy. According to MBF rules, the trophy must be in memory of a dog or a sponsor can just have it in their name.
 - Committees**: Adela Rivera indicated she is hoping that members, who were Chair people in 2012, will continue in the same positions for 2013. Adela said that Chair people are needed for the following positions: Silent Auction, Ring Stewards, Club Sales Table, etc. Jackie recommended Barb Boggess and Janet Lindgren as Ring Stewards. Adela will need to contact both to find out if they are available.
 - Catalog Ads**: Beth Widdows distributed a letter to be used for members to solicit ads and the Order form to be used when submitting an ad. The deadline for submitting ads is March 9th, but Beth would appreciate receiving them earlier. Beth requested every member to submit at least one ad, either one of their own or one they have solicited from someone else. If every member sold one ad, the Club would bring in more income to cover show costs. The more ads we solicit means more funds for the Club and, in turn, the urgent need for other fundraising would not be necessary. Beth stated that Patron ads run at a loss and don't make us much, but they share a page with the thank you to those who donate for trophies, but don't designate and therefore, are not listed in the catalog. Beth recommended adding a thank you to the Patron page, to those who donate to us in the process of advertising (3 last year). Beth also suggested increasing the price of a photo from \$12 to \$15. Beth suggested that people who are willing to pay \$57 for a full page ad with a photo, would be willing to pay \$60. The most money is made on a full page ad. Adela motioned to raise the price of an ad with a photo from \$12 to \$15. Gary Porrett seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed. Sue Peters suggested since Christmas is coming up that giving ad space as a gift to your vet or groomer would be another way for Club members to promote more Catalog ads.
 - Breakfast and Lunch Committee**: Angela Evans and Sue Peters will chair breakfast and lunch. Since the theme for the Show is the Wild West, it was decided that the main food item will be a variety of Chilies and cornbread to accompany it. Wraps, croissants and subs will not be served. The usual side dishes and desserts will also be served.
 - Update on AADTC Rental**: Adela Rivera reported that all four rooms will be available to use. The Rooms 1 and 2 will hold the sales tables and food. The Show will be in Room 3 and grooming will be in Room 4. We can begin setting up in Rooms 1 and 2 at 1 p.m., on Friday. We can set up the show ring and the grooming room after 7 p.m., that same day. Jackie asked for members who live in the area of the AADTC, to assist on Friday night with setting up Rooms 3 and 4.

Report of Show Secretary: Jackie Curtis reported that approval for the Show and the judges has been received from AKC.

Club Raffle/Volunteer: Jackie Curtis indicated that a Club member is needed to handle the Club raffle at the Show. Jackie provided a detailed report on "How to run a raffle." Lynda Porrett volunteered. Sue Peters volunteered to work with and help Lynda.

- ❖ **Rescue and Education Corporation Reports** - Carole Beaudry reported that so far 17 dogs have been surrendered this year. 2 are in currently in care (Digger and Dallas). 3 more dogs are expected to be surrendered in the next few weeks. Carole reported that Education will again be placing ads in the Detroit Free Press and the Lansing State Journal. Carole will look into other newspapers for ad placement. Sue Peters reported that Education participated in four events in 2012. Those being lure racing at Cobo with the Fox Terrier Club, the Frankenmuth Dog Bowl, St. Andrews Highland Games and the All American Pet Show. The next event will be in March, again at Cobo Hall, with the Fox Terrier Club. Sue mentioned that she is storing the canopy and it is in good condition.

Rescue: Beth Widdows reported that Westie Rescue Michigan, Inc. became a Michigan Non-Profit Corporation effective August 1, 2012. The form to be a 501c3 has been filed and Rescue has received a letter from the IRS confirming receipt of their filing. State Sales License has been received and Jackie Curtis is in the process of registering Rescue as a charity with the state.

The Newsletter folding party will be held at noon on Sunday, November 25 at Beth's house. The Newsletters shows a shortfall for Rescue as of 10/31/12. However, the shortfall this year is more than usual, due to expenses incurred relating to filing for incorporation. Some of the costs are one-time costs, but some will occur annually. Rescue hopes the 501c3 status will encourage donations which will make up for these added expenses.

Rescue is announcing the implementation of a new program called "Special Dogs for Special People." This is an effort to find homes for older dogs and dogs that have illnesses which usually make them unadoptable. Rescue currently has two such dogs in care. This situation ties up foster homes for lengthy periods of time. The new program hopefully will move this type of dog to adoptive homes by paying for their future medical costs, as is the current practice. This program is aimed at the elderly who are physically able to provide the care needed. Details are being worked out with Associate member, Tom Michael, who is an attorney.

Beth Widdows indicated that Rescue would like to offer a sponsorship of \$300 towards the Specialty in 2013. In return, they would request that the Club publish a one page ad in the Catalog thanking them for their sponsorship. Rescue would also like to be allowed to post signs or otherwise advertise that they are a Show sponsor. This is an offer is for 2013 only, but can be revisited every year, depending on Rescue's ability to make such an offer. Chet Mienaltowski disputed the idea on the basis that Rescue funds should only be used by and for Rescue. Beth motioned that Rescue offer the Club a sponsorship of \$300 towards the 2013 Specialty Show. Jackie Curtis seconded the motion. Members voted and the motion did not pass.

The Rescue Calendar for 2013 will soon be available to purchase through Café Press. The price is \$19.99.

- ❖ **Wagtales** - Articles, pictures and any information are due by January 21, 2013.
- ❖ **Website** - Jackie Curtis reported that on the home page of the website there is a tab labeled Shop and Benefit. Go to this tab, click on it and then on Amazon before shopping at Amazon so that the Club will get a commission. A portion of all sales will be donated to the Club General Fund.
- ❖ **Election of Officers and Board for 2013** - Voting took place and the following members will serve in 2013: President, Bev Walker; Vice President, Beth Widdows; Secretary, Angela Evans; Treasurer, Cathy Kelley. Board of Directors: Janet Lindgren, Gary Porrett, and Cathy Weishaupt.

- ❖ **Membership** - No readings were held.
 - ❖ **New Business** - The issue of membership received in the last quarter was revisited. Currently, memberships approved in the last quarter are extended to cover the following year. However, because we only have one meeting in the last quarter, the motion was made to extend this to the last two meetings so that memberships received in September through December (last 1/3 of the year) will be extended to cover the following year. This applies equally to those memberships paid for by new members and those free memberships given to those who purchase a puppy or adopt a dog. Gary Porrett put the motion on the floor, with Adela Rivera seconding it, and the motion was unanimously carried by the members.
 - ❖ **Other Unfinished Business** - None.
 - ❖ **Miscellaneous - Club Membership Drive** Sue Peters reported on the Membership Drive for 2012. The drawing and prizes will be awarded at the Christmas Party. The prize is a \$25 gift certificate to Pet Smart and a one year free Club membership.
Christmas Party: Sue Peters passed out the work sheet showing what times, which members and what each member will be doing to help out during the party. Sue mentioned that we need water and pop. She indicated that Roxanne and John Morway have what remained from the picnic. Sue will contact Roxanne to find out what is on hand. Adela indicated that she will be able to provide water and pop. Sue will let Adela know how much we need. Jackie Curtis and Carol Beaudry will provide coolers. Sue will provide the coffee. Eileen Michael will be asked to bring collars and leashes as fundraising items to sell for the Club.
- Gary and Lynda Porrett asked if they should mail out a welcome packet and car decal to someone they met at their Vet's office that recently purchased a Westie from a breeder, who also belongs to the Club. It was agreed that it would appropriate for them to do so.
- ❖ **General Information/Club Members** - Jeannine Price has one boy and one girl available from a recent litter. Sue Peters reported that she and Rocket will be attending an Earthdog Seminar on December 1st.

Next Club Meeting
Monday, March 18, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment