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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Bev Walker

Hi All! Hope you and the Westies are staying warm this winter. It has been brutal. I keep thinking that it's only 6 weeks till spring. It will seem strange this year with no Detroit Kennel Club dog show. It was always such a good place to network. But then if the weather is like this I won't miss trailering in all the gear to show a dog. Most of you know of these two ladies: Allison Sunderman, an excellent handler and groomer, is nominated for "Handler of the Year" and Peggy Beisel is nominated for "Dog Show Judge of the Year" in New York during the Westminster Dog Show. The awards are called the Winkies after the Norwich who was in the movie "Best In Show". Also, the Detroit Kennel Club Dog Show is nominated for "Best Show of the Year". I wish them the best of luck. Allison will be showing Bose for the last time at Westminster. He is the Russell Terrier she has been all over the country with the last 2 years, over 35 Best in Shows! Last year he got a Group 4 in Terriers at Westminster. She will miss Bose when he goes back to Sweden. What a great time it has been for Allison. I hope we see her in Group again. That's about all for now. See you at March meeting. In the meantime, stay warm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Club Meeting - March 17, 2014 - Howell Rec Center, Howell, MI 7pm

Club Meeting - May 19, 2014 - Howell Rec. Center, Howell, MI 7pm



Board Meeting Minutes November 19, 2013

Attendance: *Beth Widdows, Cathy Kelley, Angela Evans, Janet Lindgren, Gary Porrett*

- ❖ Reading of Minutes of last meeting were waived
- ❖ Report of President – None
- ❖ Report of Secretary - None
- ❖ Report of Treasurer – None
- ❖ Unfinished Business – None
- ❖ **New Business** -
 - * Discussion was held regarding Show Chair responsibilities and the importance of following the set time line for submitting documents and contracts.
 - * Discussion was held regarding participation of all Club members in Club activities. The Board will put together a proposal and submit it to the Club at the next meeting. Beth Widdows will place in the next issue of Wagtales the importance of having Club activities, so that the Club remains in good standing with the AKC.

MEETING MINUTES November 19, 2013

Present: Carole Beaudry, Sherry Bittles, Barb Boggess, Jackie Curtis, Angela Evans, Cathy Kelley, Matt Kelley, Kathy Kittle, Sara L. LeRoux, Janet Lindgren, Sue Peters, Gary Porrett, Lynda Porrett, Adela Rivera, Clarence Sheufelt, Jean Sheufelt, Beth Widdows Visitors: None

General Business

Reading of the Minutes from the July 13, 2013 meeting was waived.

- ❖ Report of President - No report
- ❖ Report of Secretary - No report
- ❖ Report of Treasurer - Cathy Kelley reported what the Club has in its checking account. The current balance is where it usually stands at this time of the year.

❖ Committee Reports

Club Fundraising - Sue Peters suggested raffling off the quilt handmade by Sharon Horn. The quilt is a wall hanging and is entitled The 12 Dog Days of Christmas. Sue recommended starting the raffle early enough next year so that it can be raffled off before Christmas.

Specialty 2014 - Show Chair, Adela Rivera, reported that all four rooms are available at the ADDTC. We can set up on Friday, beginning at 1 p.m. The grooming room and show room are available for set up after 7 p.m. Cathy Kelley is going to contact the ADDTC to confirm that the Show is on their calendar for 2014.

-Jackie Curtis had the Trophy Sponsor form. The list must be finalized by mid December. The list will be available at the Christmas party for those who still want to sponsor a trophy.

-Beth Widdows reported that catalog ad forms have been posted to the website under the Specialty page.

-Angela Evans and Sue Peters will chair the Breakfast and Lunch Committee.

-The sound system will be handled by Bev Walker's friend, Mark.

-Adela Rivera will assume the responsibility of arranging for set up, tear down and a cleanup crew. Adela indicated that more tables are needed for set up. She has several long tables, but needs help in transportation of the tables. Clare Sheufelt volunteered to help with transporting the tables, setting up and taking down. Clare has a truck that he will use to transport the tables.

-Cathy Kelley and Janet Lindgren will assume the duties as Ring Stewards. Janet will be the Chief Steward.

-As Show Secretary, Barb Boggess reported she received AKC's final approval of the judges. Dawn Diemer is the Sweepstakes Judge and Susan Napady for Regular Class. Janet Lindgren indicated that transportation for the judges is in progress. On the day of the Show, Sherry Bittles will act as Show Secretary, as Barb cannot attend the Show. Kathy Kittle volunteered to assist Sherry, the day of the Show. We are awaiting approval of the Show from AKC.

-Discussion was held to determine what the Club's main fundraising project would be this year. It was decided to have several theme baskets made up. Adela Rivera will contact members to volunteer to assemble a basket. Clare and Jean Sheufelt stated they would like to donate a Pampered Chef themed basket. A recent email was sent to Angela Evans, offering handmade Westie jewelry as a fundraising item. Beth Widdows suggested Adela look into selling this jewelry via eBay.

-Jackie Curtis is handling fundraising for Rescue at the Show. Rescue will be raffling off a quilt made by Dee Rakic. Jackie stated that she has applied for the raffle license. Rescue will begin selling tickets in January and a flyer will be placed on the website and posted to the group list. Clare and Jean Sheufelt asked if they could donate a used stroller and crate. Jackie Curtis said that the items must be brand new or in nearly perfect condition in order to be used in the Chinese auction. It was suggested that they discuss this with Carole Beaudry.

-Items are still needed for the Rescue bags to give to adopters who are in the Rescue parade. Items can be purchased or a donation can be made towards the bags. Maggie Murray is collecting donations for 15 to 20 bags. Maggie is making arrangements for Rescue's emcee.

-Jackie Curtis stated that the rental fee for the ADDTC is due at least 30 to 60 days before the Show.

-Adela Rivera reported that she sent a contract to the photographer. Barb Boggess is going to call the photographer to confirm receipt of the contract.

-Adela Rivera will contact Imprint to find out if the ad for the Show can still be submitted, even though the due date has passed. The ad can be placed in Terrier Topics in the next issue, which is the winter issue.

-Discussion was held regarding charging an admission to the Show. Because of who to charge, which door to use to collect an admission fee and how much, it was decided not to charge a fee to the Show.

-Sue Peters suggested having a Welcome Table again this year. Sue said she would sit at the table, to welcome visitors and hand out literature. After discussing whether or not to have a Welcome Table, it was decided to wait until the March meeting to make a final decision.

-Jackie Curtis indicated that the ADDTC requires a copy of the Club's insurance certificate. Jackie said that the insurance policy is usually received by the Club treasurer by the second week of December. Once the policy is received, filled out and mailed back to the insurance company, then Cathy Kelley should send a copy to the ADDTC with the rental fee and contract.

Rescue and Education Corporation - Carole Beaudry reported that 8 dogs have been surrendered since September 16. Another dog was surrendered on November 18 and one more is expected shortly. In the last few months, most of the dogs have been older dogs with many medical conditions. So far 21 dogs have come into Rescue in 2013. Westie Rescue Michigan is currently raffling off a quilt. The quilt was handmade by a mother of a foster home. Jackie Curtis is handling the sale of tickets. The raffle drawing will take place during the Christmas Party.

Education - Flags continue to sell very well. Beth Widdows reported that five or six items are being mailed out every day. Education has placed ads in the Detroit News, the Detroit Free Press, the Lansing State Journal and a Grand Rapids newspaper, which covers a very large area of western Michigan. Sue Peters reported that the Novi Pet Expo was well attended. There were many new volunteers who worked the booths. The total amount in sales was \$479. This figure covers Education, Rescue and Club combined. The next event Education will schedule and participate in is the Frankenmuth Dog Show in May, 2014.

Wagtales - Articles, pictures and any information are due by Monday, January 27, 2014.

Website - Angela Evans announced that she is looking for a replacement to handle the duties of Webmaster for the Club's portion of the website. Angela asked for a Club member to assume this position. Clare Sheufelt volunteered to take over this position. Angela will call Clare, to assist him with the transition. Beth Widdows stated that Clare may contact her, if he needs help with the website.

Election of Officers and Board for 2014 - Matt Kelley recommended that the slate be approved by acclamation. Voting members unanimously approved the slate and voting was completed. For 2014, the Officers are: President, Bev Walker; Vice President, Beth Widdows; Treasurer, Cathy Kelley; Secretary, Angela Evans. Board: Janet Lindgren, Gary Porrett, and Cathy Weishaupt.

❖ **Membership** - No readings for Active or Associate membership.

❖ **Miscellaneous** - As chair of the Christmas party, Sue Peters asked for additional x-pens, because this year the dogs will be placed in an x-pen, to pick out their own gift. Sue asked for less desserts and more healthy side dishes. Jackie Curtis is going to order a ham and chicken from VG's, where Bev Walker is working. Barb Boggess' husband will be our Santa Claus. The donation towards the main food item is \$5 for adults. Beth Widdows said that all dogs must wear either a belly band or piddle pants, no exceptions. Rescue and Club will have a table set up, where these items will be available to be purchased or loaned. Maggie Murray, Carol Ward, Beth Widdows and Jackie Curtis will take turns working at this table. Sue Peters asked if anyone was available to take pictures. Angela Evans said she would contact Matt Sprygada, to ask if he would be willing to be the party's photographer. Sue said that friends, relatives and children are welcome (children must be supervised). Sue is going to have an email sent out to Rescue adopters inviting them to the party. Gary and Linda Porrett volunteered to coordinate the Club's 50/50 raffle.

New Business and Other Unfinished Business

Participation in Club events by active members was tabled to another meeting. Business cards for the Club were ordered and available for distribution at the Novi Show.

❖ **General Information/Club Members** - Sue Peters, Beth Widdows, Jackie Curtis and Clare Sheufelt have had their Westies out at Zodiac Farms in Milford, working at Barn Hunt. Sue Peters' Rocket continues to enjoy his Earthdog events.

Adjournment

Next Club Meeting: Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7 p.m. - Howell Recreation Center