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Wagtales



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Bev Walker*

Hi All! Hope you are enjoying these last warm summer days. I've heard the winter is not going to be too bad. Hope I didn't just jinx it. I've been packing it up here on the decks and cutting down flower beds. The usual routine. Wish I could have made it to the meeting. I have put in for the next meeting day off. Look forward to seeing some of you at the Novi Pet Expo. I have put in for the Friday off (FYI Sue put me on the schedule). I will have the trophy list with me for Novi and meeting. So, be thinking about a memorial you might want to place. Have a great Fall. See you soon.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November Club Meeting – December 6, Howell Rec. Center, 11 am
Christmas Party – December 6, Howell Rec Center 1-4 pm
Setup for Party (Please help) 12 noon
March Club Meeting – March 21, 2015, Howell Rec Center 7pm

WE'RE ON THE MOVE! *Sue Peters*



We're on the Move!

Come see us!

Novi Pet Expo

Suburban Collection Showplace
46100 Grand River Avenue
Novi Michigan

November 20 | Noon to 8 pm
November 21 | 10 am to 8 pm
November 22 | 11 am to 5 pm

15 MINUTES OF FAME

Barn Hunt September 26 and 27, 2015

Rocket Peters – Masters 2 – Legs 1 and 2 (first place small dog and one first place overall)

Nose Work CWAGS September 20, 2015, Ann Arbor

Winston Bloomfield – earned his Level 1 title 

Winston Bloomfield – earned Leg 1 of Level 2

Jake Widdows – earned Leg 1 of Level 3

CWAGS September 26, 2015 Monroe

Winston Bloomfield – Earned Leg 2 of Level 2

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES September 21, 2015

Present: Carole Beaudry, Jim Beaudry, Angela Evans, Cathy Kelley, Matt Kelley, Cheryl Lessenthien, Janet Lindgren, James Lyddon, Chet Mienaltowski, Sue Mienaltowski, Sue Peters, Jeannine Price, Jean Sheufelt, Clarence Sheufelt, Beth Widdows

Introduction of Visitors: Sheri-Lyn Burton, Betsy Dale, Beth Hernandez and Joanne Kinnelly

General Business

Reading of the minutes from the July 11, 2015 meeting were waived by motion.

- ❖ **Report of President** – No report
- ❖ **Report of Secretary** - Angela Evans reported that she has listed the Club and Specialty for 2016 with the Canine Resource Guide. The Guide is a new publication in Michigan that can either be received in hard copy or via email. The purpose of the Guide is to notify dog people of any upcoming dog events. It also allows for advertising for businesses that service dogs. Clubs and businesses are eligible to advertise in the Guide for a nominal fee. 501c3 non-profits can advertise for free. The link to the Guide is: www.CanineResourceGuide.com
- ❖ **Report of Treasurer** – Cathy Kelley reported that expenses for this year's Specialty totaled \$3,613.25 (not including the photographer's bill, which hasn't been received). Revenue brought in was \$4,078.30, with a net profit of \$465.05. The Club's checking account is in the black. There are three outstanding checks: Novi Expo Center \$200, postage \$14.89 and \$20 to the State of Michigan.
- ❖ **Committee Reports**
 - Rescue Report** - Carole Beaudry reported that there are three dogs in foster care: Kearney (Jean and Clarence Sheufelt), Willie (Beth Widdows) and Colby (Jean Story).
 - Education** – On behalf of Education, Carole Beaudry, indicated that the usual newspaper ads will begin running in October. Education funds are doing very well, due to Ebay and flag sales. Sue Peters thanked Jean Story, Bonnie Wilson, Katie McFarland and Cathy Weishaupt, for representing Education and Rescue, at the Grand Rapids Kennel Club's Dog Day in the Park on September 19. However, due to inclement weather, attendance was very low, and our people packed up early. Sue Peters reported that the Novi Expo Show dates are November 20 through the 21st that being weekend before Thanksgiving. The site at the show will be near the vendors and located on a corner aisle.
 - Specialty 2016** – Betsy Dale, Beth Hernandez and Joanne Kinnelly attended the meeting, to request that Club and Rescue participate along with the Terrier Club of Michigan and Progressive Dog Club of Wayne County at the All Breed Show held at Birch Run, instead of having our show at the AADTC. Their reasons for having all three organizations together at the same location are outlined below.

Beth Hernandez indicated entries have been down significantly. They feel that having three days at the same venue would encourage more exhibitors to participate, because they would not have to travel between locations thus making it more logistically convenient. She also stated that people don't want to have to travel long distances to attend a one day show. In addition, Beth mentioned that a combined show would encourage buyers to seek out a reputable breeder, instead of going to a pet shop or backyard breeder. She said that in Europe, several terrier breeds are becoming extinct, because of the lack of reputable breeders. Another incentive is a particular judge who would be available to us if we go to Progressive in 2016. They would very much like us to make this change for the 2016 show.

Betsy Dale said the shows can run concurrently or can be a two day event. Beth Hernandez indicated that the Progressive show would start in the morning with Westies being shown early. After they are shown, we could then go to another designated area to hold our Specialty Show. She described the Scottie Specialty show as having had a totally separate area so that their Specialty could be run much as it does normally. The winner of the Progressive show would, of course, have to go on to Group at some point.

Beth Widdows asked if we would have to give up any of the usual activities that are held at our Specialty, such as the Scottish Piper/Rescue Parade, sales tables, buffet lunch, etc. A lunch buffet is normally not allowed. There is a concession stand in the facility or people can go to restaurants in the area. Beth Hernandez stated that they use a caterer to supply food for club members and workers. She stated she would talk to them to see if we could do our usual luncheon or use the caterers rather than the concession stand. Our Club wouldn't have to pay for using the building. Note: Their building is being remodeled and they are not yet certain what it will look like.

The piper is something they would have to discuss. Because of the other breeds there, they are concerned about their reaction to the sounds. We discussed possibly having the parade upstairs, away from the show. But if there is obedience upstairs that might not work either. They thought perhaps if we did the show earlier in the morning it might work. They will have to get back to us on this.

They also suggested an alternative of moving our show to the vicinity of the Progressive show but using a local hotel ballroom for our activities. That would centralize all three of the shows for the weekend and perhaps give us more space and ability to run our show as usual.

Beth Widdows asked about how the Catalog would be handled since we solicit a large number of ads and bring in quite a bit of revenue to offset our costs. Joanne indicated that our ads could be part of their catalog; however, we could probably have our own. They asked us what MBF handles for us and we responded that they do the paperwork and ribbons, catalogs and premium. They do not come on site and run the show. Beth Widdows asked would MBF services be different if we were to join with them.

Chet Mienaltowski suggested that Progressive submit a proposal, including the floor plan at Birch Run, so as to have all information, before making a decision. Beth Hernandez, in turn, requested that Club put together a list of questions that needed to be answered by Progressive. This would allow both clubs to make an informed decision. Angela Evans asked when the deadline is for providing a decision. Joanne stated that the paperwork must be submitted by December 1, 2015. NOTE: We have earlier deadlines. The Imprint ad must be done by the end of November and if we don't switch, we do have to start now to hire judges.

At that point in the meeting, the discussion ended, and everyone thanked Betsy, Beth and Joanne for their time and consideration.

Angela Evans stated that Bev Walker and Adela Rivera came up with the theme of Westies in Wonderland. Decorations, etc. would be similar to Alice in Wonderland designs. Everyone agreed on this theme for 2016.

Janet Lindgren and Chet Mienaltowski indicated that if the Club joined our show with Progressive at Birch Run, then we might not be able to have future shows at the AADTC. Janet indicated that the handlers benefit most from all shows being in the same location, not just a Specialty. Clare Sheufelt and Sue Peters both indicated that having to make a decision by December 1, is too soon to decide for 2016. It is possible for 2017.

Other events at Specialty – At the summer meeting, it was suggested that possibly CGC testing could be held at the show. Jackie Curtis looked into what that would entail. It appears that the testing would need to be done after our show had finished. Beth Widdows suggested that we decide what our goal is before we decide what we do to meet that goal....is it to increase exhibitors, increase public attendance in order to increase sales; is it to gradually convert the event from conformation to other activities, etc. Sue Peters indicated that other clubs are adding events to encourage a higher attendance. However, any additional events would require people to organize and work such an event. No conclusion was reached at this meeting.

Publicity – Once a theme is decided upon, the ad for Imprint should be designed and submitted by the deadline date. Beth Widdows requested that the T shirt be designed so the ad could match the T shirt. The ad deadline is November 30th which means the T shirt would need to be designed by early November. Beth Widdows asked Carole Beaudry and Sue Peters if Education would pay for newspaper ads regarding Specialty. Both agreed to Beth's request. They will decide which papers and when to place the ads.

Show Committees – Beth Widdows asked if this would be something for Show Chair. Angela Evans said that members should consider volunteering for a committee and then notify Jackie Curtis.

Monroe Fall Specialty 2015 - Angela Evans indicated that Sherry has asked for someone to hand out trophies at the show. If no one is available, then Sherry will try to rearrange her work schedule.

Nominating Committee/2016 – Sue Peters asked if she could nominate a member. Janet Lindgren stated that first the person must be asked, before a formal nomination could be made. There were no new nominations.

Club Fundraising – None at this time.

Wagtales – Articles, pictures and any information are due by Monday, September 28, 2015.

Printing Costs – Beth Widdows submitted a spreadsheet setting forth the costs for printing Wagtales. Beth said that her costs had increased due to the number of issues being mailed and the cost of ink. Beth asked that the Club reimburse her \$150, to cover her printing costs annually. Chet made a motion that the Club reimburse Beth for these costs. Cathy Kelley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and unanimously passed. Costs will be reviewed each year by Beth Widdows and if a change is required, brought up at a meeting.

Website – Beth Widdows said that Susan Bloomfield will be handling Education’s portion of the website once she is trained.

Membership – Taff Isaacs’ application for Associate membership was presented and Taff was voted in as a new Associate member. Sheri-lyn Westlund-Burton was present for her first reading for Active membership. Sheri-lyn is a friend of Janet Lindgren and she recently purchased a Westie from Janet.

❖ **Miscellaneous**

Christmas Party 2015 – Sunday, December 6th from 1 to 4 is the confirmed date for the Christmas party. Set up starts at 12 p.m. Sue Peters stated that she and Jackie Curtis are planning something new to take place during the party. Chet asked if the candy sleighs would be available to purchase at the party again this year. Sue asked if it was worthwhile to have the sleighs. Chet said that he and Sue have always purchased quite a few. Angela Evans volunteered to contact Adela Rivera, who has organized the sleigh fundraising the last two years, to find out if she wants to have them again this year.

November, 2015 Club Meeting – Beth Widdows asked if the Club members wanted to hold the November meeting as planned or to do as last year and move it to just before the Christmas party. That would be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Janet Lindgren suggested keeping the November meeting on the usual date. However, most members stated wanting to have the meeting before the Christmas Party. Cathy Kelley will check on and reserve the space for this meeting.

Other Unfinished Business – Beth Widdows asked about whether or not to order any more car decals. Carole Beaudry stated that she doesn’t have any left. Beth will contact the company who prints up the decals, to find out how much they cost. She was instructed to reorder the old decal for now and decide on a new design later.

❖ **General Information/Club Members**

New Litters – Beverly Walker has a new litter. Cheryl Lessenthien has a litter of 2 boys and 2 girls that are two weeks old.

Adjournment

Next Club Meeting

Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Set up for Christmas Party 12:00 noon

Christmas Party 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Howell Recreation Center, Howell, Michigan



