



Desert Irish Wolfhound Association (DIWA)
Minutes from BOD Meeting:
Sunday, September 22, 2024
Home of Marcella Hughes
4729 E. Thunder Hawk Rd
Cave Creek, AZ 85331

- President Marcella Hughes called the Meeting to Order at 10:12 am.

-Attending Members:

Joan Bender, Marcella Hughes, John Brosnan, Linda Sanner,
Lisa Britton, Bill Nothnagel, Mike Jarvis

1. Review minutes from last meeting - approved
2. Any changes to minutes- no changes
3. Report of the Secretary - Received previous meeting minutes from Lacey. Some minutes are still missing, Lacey will continue to look for them and turn them over to the secretary when able.
4. Report of the Treasurer - Linda spoke on current risks to the organization regarding Greg Bender going to the IRS for foundation documents, how to handle whistle blower issues, the Audrey Rajec Fund, and on the importance of creating consistency in the Bylaws while still maintaining the original intent of the document.
 - a. Rehoming investment account- report given
 - b. Operating Account- report given
 - c. Budget- currently in the negative for yearly budget
5. Report of the Rescue & Rehoming Coordinator - Mike Jarvis

a. Recent rehoming(s)- Maeve- back to breeder

b. Rescues – When to spay/neuter - discussed and agreed that Mike will research what other clubs do in terms of altering young dogs

6. Old Business

a. Bylaw changes - Marcella will continue to make proposed changes to bylaws and get a copy out to the board for approval prior to them being voted on by the general membership, likely in January.

i. Streamlining – moving information over to Policies & Procedures - Motion by Marcella to prep a minimized version of bylaws by moving several sections to a Policies and Procedures document.

- Seconded by Joan, with unanimous vote of approval.

ii. Need quorum with a vote from $\frac{2}{3}$ of voting membership. Will have 3 meetings, likely in January. Phoenix, Prescott, and Tucson and will encourage all members to come out or join via Zoom to vote on proposed bylaw changes. Each change to bylaws must be a separate vote. It may be possible to have a secret ballot if membership prefers this.

- Motion made by Joan to have 3 meetings to assisted in getting enough membership votes to make proposed bylaw changes.
- Second by Linda, unanimous vote of approval.

ii. Get rid of Roberts Rules- briefly discussed this, opinion is that they are antiquated. Tabled for further discussion.

b. Upcoming events- Joan discussed the upcoming Prescott Highland Games and the all member meeting in October.

c. Corporate book - Marcella presented a corporate book, she will continue to work on this. Every board member will be responsible for their section at hand off to new officers.

7. New Business

- a. Policies & Procedures- Will continue to work on this document
- b. Changes to Membership application- John requests there just be a line to renew membership on the application and suggested a few typo errors be corrected. Marcella will complete changes.
 - i. Agree to bylaws- Still working through current changes to the bylaws
 - ii. Agree to electronic voting- all agree that electronic voting should be added to the bylaws as an acceptable form for the membership to vote.
- c. Agreeing to electronic voting – application and invoices will have a section for members to opt in.
- e. Memorial gifts - electronic pictures at meetings - after discussion it was decided that we not do anything formal for members that lose a dog as it becomes more work for an individual and the cost.
- f. Email – finding an email domain and need cloud storage. Tabled for later discussion after more research.
- g. Voting members – setting requirements to be voting member vs. member - discussed requirements for attending meetings/events but decided it would be too difficult to track and enforce. Discussed adding in a non-voting membership at a lower cost to the application.
- h. Mission Statement - Linda discussed our need for a mission statement
- i. Facebook - Joan requests that the Facebook page be made more public, that the name be changed, and that admin be updated to Lisa, Joan, and Mary Ellen. All approved. Discussion had to make posts public but to limit posts to members only, comments from non-members will be allowed. Admin changes to be completed by Lisa.

- Meeting adjourned at 12:01 pm

