



## **Desert Irish Wolfhound Association (DIWA)**

### **Minutes from Member Meeting:**

**April 15, 2018**

**Old Spaghetti Factory (Phoenix, AZ)**

**- Christy Barber called the Meeting to Order at 12:18PM**

**-Attending Members:**

**Nicole Mijajlovic, Igor Mijajlovic, Pam Clark, Audrey Rajec, Phoebe Perkins, Kat Emmons, Scott Boers, Donna Panetta, Bill Nothnagel, Joan Bender, Greg Bender, Steve Kelly, Penny Kelly, Jonathan McKinney, Rosika McKinney, Randy Lewis, Judy Lewis, Mary Ellen Winters, Lacey Craumer, Christy Barber (via Zoom) (20 Members)**

**- Reports of Officers:**

#### **President (Christy Barber)**

**Christy congratulated the newly elected officers and wished them well in their new positions:**

**Vice President- Mary Ellen Winters**

**Treasurer- Scott Boers**

**Director- Jonathan McKinney**

**Christy advised that she will be working to update the DIWA website ASAP and asked members to please email her any photos from the recent DIWA events (Scottish Games, St. Paddy's Day Parades, etc). She will also be updating the officer information and adding any upcoming events to the calendar.**

#### **Vice-President (Mary Ellen Winters)**

**Mary Ellen thanked everyone who was involved in making**

the St. Patrick's Day Parades a success for DIWA. (Tucson, Phoenix and Sedona)

Treasurer (Scott Boers)

Treasury Report (Please see attached Treasury Report)

Secretary (Lacey Craumer)

Lacey asked if the club would be interested in participating this year in the Flagstaff Scottish Games (Flagstaff-AZ). Pam Clark confirmed that the dates are July 21-22<sup>nd</sup>. The attending members agreed that this would be a great event to add to the DIWA calendar. Lacey agreed to reach out to Glenna Baker to proceed with securing DIWA a spot at the event. Lacey also asked members to set a date for the next DIWA All-Member meeting. The date agreed by all attending was: Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Time and location TBD

Rehoming and Rescue Coordinator (Pam Clark)

Pam advised that there have not been any completed Rescue/ Rehoming cases this year but there have been several "almost" cases. She advised about the most recent case: She was contacted by someone looking to turn over their hound for rehoming, as they were not able to care for the hound, at this time. The person said that they had tried to contact their breeder but received no reply. Pam said she followed the steps to make sure the rescue and rehoming was done correctly. She had to first establish if DIWA would have a legal right to take custody of the hound. She needed to research the breeder so she sent out an email to the DIWA BOD for information on the listed breeder. By the time she gathered enough information and was able to contact the breeder, the breeder had already been contacted by another member of the DIWA BOD. The breeder was very upset at



first because it was thought that DIWA was trying to go around her. Pam advised that it ended up OK but it was very uncomfortable. She said that DIWA ended up with a huge "black eye" after this rescue attempt. The attending members ALL agreed that we need to support Pam as best we can with her office of "Rehoming/Rescue Coordinator", as the #1 priority of the club is to successfully rehome and rescue IWs. In order to do so, we must let her conduct the rescue and rehoming attempts without member interference. Once she has everything secured on her side, then she will reach out and ask for member help. Judy Lewis suggested that an email be sent to all members with the job descriptions of each DIWA Officer. Christy Barber advised that she will talk with the DIWA BOD directly to make sure this interference does not happen again. Judy Lewis also suggested that any rescue and rehoming correspondence be sent to the group as a whole as soon as any information is known. Scott Boers put up a motion to schedule a DIWA BOD meeting ASAP and to make sure this issue is on the top of the list. It was approved and Lacey Craumer will go forward with setting up a BOD meeting ASAP.

Pam advised that the other recent case that she had was from a call she received from someone telling her that they were unable to care for a hound due to a death of a family member. She asked them to please find their contract with the breeder to review and to give her a call back. They did not get back to her after the call.

Pam also advised that she constantly consults the applications that she has so she is ready when a case for rescue and rehoming comes in. She asked members who are interested in rescue to please RE-SEND in an application that is current with "up to date" information. The application is available on our DIWA website or you may email Lacey Craumer or Pam

Clark for additional information.

**Director (Audrey Rajec)**

Audrey advised that she will send out a schedule and information for the upcoming dog shows very soon. She said that it is very exciting this year because there will be a great Arizona presence at Nationals.

**Director (Donna Panetta)**

Donna asked a question to the group about upcoming Nationals and whether DIWA should be preparing a basket for the event. Audrey Rajec advised that DIWA has not been contacted this year to arrange a basket. Donna also wanted to apologize, on the behalf of the entire DIWA BOD, to Pam Clark for the trouble that was caused during the latest rescue and rehoming attempt.

**Director (Jonathan McKinney)**

The attending members congratulated Jonathan on his new office and thanked him for accepting a position on the DIWA BOD. He advised that he was looking forward to working as a member of the DIWA BOD.

**- Unfinished Business, New Business and General Orders**

**New Shirts for DIWA**

Bill Nothnagel and Scott Boers presented the idea to the group to design and order new shirts for the DIWA Members. (change the current design, T-shirt color, etc). Some of the ideas from attending members were to look into VistaPrint to see what options they had available. The group thought it may be beneficial to upload the DIWA Logo to the site and have each member be able to order and design their own shirt. Scott Boers was going to look into this and advise back



to the group. Scott then asked the question to the group "What do we do with the old shirts?" The current inventory of the original shirts is Qty: 37 purchased at \$12.23/ea. There was discussion of a possible "Clearance Sale" to members. The club also discussed selling the old shirts at DIWA Events to non-members. Or offering shirts to people who donate to DIWA (Example: Donate \$20 and receive a DIWA shirt). The group also thought it would be a good idea to advertise the shirts on our DIWA website. It was decided that in order to proceed with ordering new shirts, there would need to be a club vote (via email). Scott Boers and Lacey Craumer will provide information to the group regarding the voting and shirt status as soon as any information comes available.

#### Upcoming DIWA Yard Sale (Bill Nothnagel)

Bill reminded members that the annual DIWA Yard Sale was coming up on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. He asked members to please drop their donations off at his home and to please let him know if they were able to help work the sale. He advised that at the time of the meeting, donations were down from last year and the club really needed additional support. Judy Lewis, Randy Lewis and Scott Boers are the only members who have reached out to work the sale (as of the meeting date).

#### Past members wishing to remain on DIWA Email

Scott Boers relayed the wishes of several past members of DIWA (that had chosen not to renew their membership), wanting to stay on the DIWA email list. It was agreed that non-members would be removed from the DIWA email list and would be advised to please check the website for any DIWA events and updates.

#### Life Time Membership- Bill and Lisa Nothnagel

Judy and Randy Lewis presented the motion for the club to grant Bill and Lisa Nothnagel Lifetime Membership to DIWA for all of their endless support for the club. The attending members unanimously agreed to grant Lifetime Membership to the Nothnagels and thanked them for all their decades of hard work for the club.

#### Irish Cultural Center

Jonathan McKinney advised that the ICC seemed very excited to work with DIWA when he spoke with them in the past. Scott Boers will be taking on more of a Liaison Position with the ICC and hopes, with Audrey Rajec's help to provide him with a personal contact, DIWA's relationship with the ICC will move forward nicely. He advised that DIWA has been approved as an affiliate by the ICC, but he has not received a response since then. It was agreed that Audrey Rajec and Jonathan McKinney would work with Scott Boers to further DIWA's relationship with the ICC.

- Open floor for other business

#### Entertaining website for IW Owners

Randy Lewis advised the group that he had come across a great website for IW owners and fans.

[www.thewildstare.com](http://www.thewildstare.com) is written and maintained by an IW owner and provides a lot of entertaining and funny IW situations that all hound owners may appreciate. He highly encourages all members to check out the site.

#### Congrats to Glenna Baker

Pam Clark provided a quick update on Glenna Baker's new puppy, Bridget. All the attending members were very excited and sent their best wishes to Glenna, Murphy and Bridget. It was also agreed that Glenna should share pics of the happy



family with the group very soon.

#### Phoenix Mural Festival 2018-

Donna Panetta advised that she has offered a portion of her wall around her house to an artist that will paint a mural on it for the Phoenix Mural Festival. During the first week in May, an artist will paint a mural of IWs running along the wall. She is encouraging all members to come by and see it along with other mural walls that will be unveiled that week, as well. Please visit the website for additional information.  
[www.phxmuralproject.virb.com/festival](http://www.phxmuralproject.virb.com/festival)

#### Committee for DIWA Fundraising

Mary Ellen Winters advised that she would like to put together a committee to create and manage fundraising opportunities for DIWA. The attending members thought that this was a very good idea for the club. Mary Ellen said that she would be willing to head up the committee and asked members to contact her if they would be willing to sit on the committee. Donna Panetta and Lacey Craumer both volunteered to sit on the committee. Any member who is interested in helping the fundraising committee, please contact Mary Ellen Winters directly.

#### DIWA Funds (current and future)

Donna Panetta asked the group the question of "What do we as a club want to do with the funds that we have available?" There were many ideas of possible ways to use present/future funds.

-Christy Barber presented idea that the club could designate some funds for potential aid of any members' IWs that are in medical need. The funds would be overseen by the BOD and members would have to review and decide how it is spent. Donna Panetta advised that offering funding for members

may be a “slippery slope”. If the club would choose to go down this route, there would need to be a lot of discussion to define terms of how the club would make a decision to provide funds to help an individual member.

-Pam Clark presented the idea that the club use funds for educational seminars that would help members to best care for and keep their hounds healthy. (Grooming clinics, etc)

-Donna Panetta liked the idea of education seminars and also presented the idea that we use funding to create a “fun show” for our hounds. She believes that we need to get more people involved and by creating fun and educational events that involve members and their dogs, this may help to increase member participation.

-Judy Lewis liked the idea of designating funds for medical aid for members to use if truly necessary. If dogs truly need medical attention and the owner cannot pay, she is worried about what would happen to the hound.

-Pam Clark presented the idea of purchasing a discount with a vet somewhere that would help members with the care of their hounds. Or a discount with a pharmaceutical company that would provide medication to the group at a discount (ex: Many hounds in the group are taking expensive meds for Valley Fever).

-Audrey Rajec presented the idea to encourage members to get pet insurance on their hounds and this led into the discussion of a possible group policy for DIWA. The attending members thought that this was a great idea that may benefit every member of the club. Mary Ellen Winters advised that she would look into this and advise back to the group.

-Scott Boers reminded the group of the original guidelines set up by the club to protect the primary goal of DIWA to help to rescue and rehome hounds in need. He advised that, at the time, the club agreed that it would NOT spend any funds until it had a savings of \$3000 per rescue based on two



rescues a year in the reserves. (\$6000). At the date of 4/15/2018, we have NOT yet met that goal (current balance is \$5417.07). Pam Clark advised that she always has the opportunity to go to the National group to ask for help with funds to secure a rescue if the money is truly needed.

### Increasing Member Participation

Jonathan McKinney believes that fundraising for educational events, etc is critical for sustaining new members. He said that we need to help members find hounds, help provide basic care seminars, etc... To help current members stay interested while they are waiting for hounds and to attract new members. Judy Lewis advised that over the many years of DIWA, the most successful years have been when the club is most active. Involvement is very important to the organization and we need to do more to bring our members and our community together.

One idea was for members planning to attend dog shows. DIWA could get attending members together for doughnuts, potluck, etc... Audrey Rajec said that this is very common for clubs to do at the shows.

### Information and Awareness to the Public

Audrey Rajec advised that she thinks we should put together a "What to Expect When You Get a Wolfhound" board to bring to events. It would be a great conversation starter to present this information in a humorous way. Most people don't know how much goes into owning and maintaining an IW. (Expenses- cars, meds, maintenance, activities, etc). The attending members thought that this would be a great idea. Donna Panetta advised that DIWA may reach out to other giant breed rescues to see if they would be interested in doing some events with us. Pam Clark suggested that we offer seminars for free to our DIWA members but charge a fee to the public that would like to attend. Advertising could be

done for the events on our website, FB, etc. It was unanimously agreed by members attending that DIWA needs to organize more member and public events to increase awareness and support. Audrey Rajec recalled a Halloween Party that DIWA had in the past that was a very fun event for all who attended.

#### Lure Coursing

Audrey Rajec advised that she would be happy to host a seminar about lure coursing for the group. She and Jonathan McKinney both expressed an interest to get more IWs involved in lure coursing events. It would create a much more interesting and fun lure coursing experience to have a few IWs. Jonathan and Audrey agreed to work together to get this lure coursing information out to all members.

#### Upcoming Events-

Scott Boers advised that he would like to put together a club gathering at McFadden's at Westgate. They have an outdoor patio that would be perfect for hounds and owners to relax and have fun. He will send information out to all members ASAP. All members are encouraged to look into local events and communicate information to the entire group. The group needs more social events and group play dates, festivals, etc are a great way to get members together.

#### Audit Committee-

Scott Boers advised that we lost our audit committee this year. He is in need of two members who are willing to help. Greg Bender volunteered and now he is looking for one more volunteer. All members that may be interested in helping on the audit committee please email Scott Boers directly.



**Closing Meeting-**

Christy Barber wished everyone the very best of luck at Nationals. She asked all members to please email anything that they would like added to the website to her ASAP. She asked the new BOD members to please friend request her on FB so she can add them to the private BOD page. She advised that she will be working hard to update the website (calendar, photos, etc).

**-Meeting was adjourned by Christy Barber at 1:28PM.**

DESERT IRISH WOLFHOUND ASSN.

TREASURER'S REPORT MEMBER'S MEETING

DATE	ITEM	SUB GROUP	AMOUNT	BALANCE
1/1/2018	OPENING BALANCE			4,778.57
	INCOME:			
		DUES	563.66	
		DONATIONS	184.77	
		MERCHANDISE	20.00	
		MISC.	0.00	
				768.43
	EXPENSES:			
		MERCHANDISE	46.39	
		BUSINESS		
		SUPPLIES	0.00	
		POSTAGE	10.03	
		ADVERTISING	0.00	
		EVENTS FEES	90.00	
		RESCUE	0.00	
		MISC.	29.90	
				129.93
4/15/18	BALANCE			5,417.07



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Bender, Joan & Greg	<a href="mailto:gbenderfam@gmail.com">gbenderfam@gmail.com</a>	480-575-6071	Pd	X		2	2	
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# Attendance Sheet 4/15/18

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DONNA PANETTA

Bill Nothnagel

Joan / Greg Bender

Steve / Penny Kelly

Jonathan / Rosita McKinney

RANDY / JUDY LEWIS

Mary Ellen Waters

Lacy Craumer

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