WISCONSIN AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB

April 24, 2022

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

On April 24, 2022, the WATC held its annual meeting at Leff’s Lucky Town in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. This was intended to include a brief business meeting because of our more expansive working meeting on March 26, 2022. The business meeting was followed by a social lunch at Leff’s. The meeting was called by Club President, Lisa Berglin, at 12:43 pm.

Attendees included: Club President, Lisa Berglin; Club Treasurer, Kevin McDermott; Club Secretary, Sara Walker; DeAnna Braaksma; Rita Galetka; Sue Shannon; and new members: Alexandra & Jonathan Stallman and Rita & John Sorenson.

The meeting opened with a big cheer for the Milwaukee Bucks (who were in playoff contention)! There was also a big cheer for being able to get together in person and enjoy each other’s company.

**Secretary Report:** Sara Walker reported no substantial new news from our March 26, 2022 meeting.

The following new members were approved: **John and Rita Sorenson** from Hartland, sponsored by Lisa Berglin, Rita Galetka and Lori DeBernardi. They have two Airedales (and one Mini Cooper!) **Alexandra and Jonathan Stallman** , sponsored by Lisa Berglin. Alexandra (Berglin) Stallman has been immersed in the world of Airedales since birth. **Kate and Greg Roessler** from Cross Plains, Wisconsin. Their kennel is Sundance Kennels and they were sponsored by Lisa Berglin. **Janice Krivitz** of Waukesha has had five of Lisa’s Airedales grace her life. She was also sponsored by Lisa Berglin.

**Treasurer Report:** Kevin McDermott reported the Club’s bank account balance at $8,701.

**Old Business:** Sue Zimmer and DeAnna Braaksma volunteered to serve as our Nominating Committee at the March 26th meeting. They asked for nominations and called the candidates to confirm interest and availability to keep the WATC viable. Thank you to Sue and Dee!

Lisa Berglin has worked tirelessly to ensure a wonderful 2022 Waukesha Dog Show experience for all of us. Numerous forms with specific deadlines need to be submitted to the AKC. As usual in the world of email, there were some claims of non-receipt. Lisa made sure all requirements were met. THANK YOU, LISA!

Here is a repeat from our minutes of March 26, 2022 just for a reminder. The show date is July 30, 2022. The WATC will have a large outdoor ring as well as premium interior space for grooming. Our ring time is 8:00 AM, which will help offset probable July heat. A brunch for all WATC participants is being planned! Plenty of coffee will also be available.

As a reminder, our 2022 Show Judge is Dana Dozier. Barb Brown will serve as emergency back-up. PLEASE NOTE: Our March 26, 2022 minutes mentioned Jean Surfus will serve as Show Judge in 2023. After the March meeting, we learned that Jean will not be able to judge the 2023 show. We are working on a replacement idea and will keep members posted.

Another reminder re: Fun Days at Sue Kendall’s “Oh Rats” facility in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. The date for our Fun Day at “Oh Rats” is Sunday, June 5th. There will be two sessions during the day with time for lunch in between. The sessions are filled! Everyone is looking forward to the fun.

And, one more reminder: Plans are also in place for a holiday-themed WATC event at “Oh Rats” in the fall. This event will include the opportunity to paint an Airedale/Santa decoration for the holiday season. Additionally, the event will include a holiday photo session with members and their dogs at “Oh Rats.” Thanks to Sue Zimmer for pursuing this.

Can you tell your club Secretary appreciates (and needs) reminders?! ☺

**New Business:** The following slate of 2022 officers and board members was submitted.

Lisa Berglin, President

Craig Larrabee, Vice President

Sara Walker, Secretary

Kevin McDermott, Treasurer

Sue Shannon, Board Member

Sandi Cooley, Board Member

DeAnna Braaksma, Board Member

Lisa Berglin motioned for approval of this 2022 slate. It was unanimously approved.

NOTE: An additional new business item relates to a correction to the March 26, 2022 minutes. I mistakenly requested suggestions for the 2022 Sweepstakes judge for our Specialty Show. We need suggestions for the 2023 Sweepstakes judge. Please send your suggestions to me, WATC Club Secretary, Sara Walker. If you can, please send your top three choices. Please note, this is for the Sweepstakes Judge. My contact information includes: [walksj1541@gmail.com](mailto:walksj1541@gmail.com), or 414-416-0178 (text or message or talk!). We will vote on the 2023 Sweepstakes judge at our next business meeting.

Additional new business items include the potential for an urban dog walk in Milwaukee. Sara Walker will pursue this idea. Up for consideration is the Iron Horse Hotel near Milwaukee’s Third and Fifth Ward neighborhoods. This hotel has a fantastic outdoor eating space that is dog-friendly.

Our Annual meeting concluded at 1:20 PM.