

WISCONSIN AIREDALE TERRIER CLUB
MARCH 25, 2022
WORKING MEETING MINUTES

On March 25, 2022, the WATC held its planning meeting at the home of Club Treasurer, Kevin McDermott. The meeting was called by Club President, Lisa Berglin, at 4:44 pm.

Kevin McDermott; Lisa Berglin; Club Secretary, Sara Walker; Barb Brown; Sue Zimmer; Club Board member, Craig Larrabee; DeAnna Braaksma; and Club Meeting Mascot, Abraham McDermott; were in attendance.

The meeting opened with a big thank you to Kevin for hosting. Kevin provided a wonderful meal of barbecue pulled chicken and beverages. Members brought various side dishes to pass.

Secretary Report: Sara Walker reported the IRS Form 990-n was filed for 2021 on March 19, 2022. This is an IRS requirement, and our past Secretary, Sue Shannon, kept meticulous records. These records and Sue's guidance have been invaluable.

Given the lasting effects of Covid, future meetings were discussed. Virtual meetings, in addition to in-person meetings, are allowed.

New member, Chris Vitosh of Roc Haven Airedales in Illinois, was approved. Chris is active with the Illinois club and looks forward to being part of the WATC.

Treasurer Report: Kevin McDermott reported the Club's bank account balance at \$8,600. Great attendance at the November 2021 stripping workshop helped build our balance. We are very grateful to Heather Roozee for sharing her time and expertise with members as well as Lisa Berglin for hosting the event at her place of business.

Old Business: Lisa Berglin reviewed the Waukesha Kennel Club Dog Show of July 2021. This was discussed during our business meeting at the Christmas Party on December 5, 2021. Lisa provided additional updates during the working meeting. Management of the show did not provide the best experience to participants. There were 19 violations.

Looking ahead, there is a new Waukesha Show Superintendent for 2022. All WATC submissions are in place and we are ready for 2022! The show date is July 30, 2022. Lisa has been doggedly pursuing the registration process, and the WATC will have an outdoor ring as well as a large 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.

Fun Days at Sue Kendall's "Oh Rats" facility in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin have been in the planning stages and were also discussed during our December 5, 2021 meeting. Sue Zimmer has worked closely with Sue Kendall to ensure a wonderful barn hunt day for WATC members and our dogs. Lisa Berglin and Sue Kendall exchanged several date options, and we reached a conclusion at the working meeting. The date for our Fun Day at "Oh Rats" will be Sunday, June 5th. There will be two sessions during the day with time for lunch in between. A "Save the Date" card will be sent promptly, and additional details will also be sent in a separate email.

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.” Many thanks to Sue Zimmer for pursuing these great ideas!

New Business: We discussed the time and place for our **2022 Annual Meeting**. Kevin had a great idea to hold the party at a Wauwatosa facility that would allow us to bring our dogs. We could then take them for a walk together nearby.

Our favored dates were not available at this facility, so Kevin was able to procure space at Leff’s Lucky Town in Wauwatosa. This is a great place for some fun, and a “save the date” card has been sent. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 24, 2022 starting at noon. We will not be able to bring our Airedales, but this will be a great opportunity for catching up and enjoying various libations! Since we accomplished so much at the working meeting in March, our business meeting portion of the 2022 Annual meeting will focus on the following topics:

Our second new business topic was the nomination of club officers. We have a Nominating Committee of DeAnna Braaksma and Sue Zimmer. They will prepare a slate of officers to be presented at our Annual Meeting. Sue and Dee will call current officers and other members asking for nominations, with a vote set during our Annual Meeting.

Our third new business topic was the 2022 Sweepstakes. We will need to vote on Sweepstakes Judge nominations at the Annual Meeting. Please send your suggestions to WATC Club Secretary, Sara Walker as soon as possible. If you can, please send your top three choices. Please note, this is for the Sweepstakes Judge. Our Show Judge has already been voted on for 2022. My contact information includes: walksj1541@gmail.com, or 414-416-0178 (text or message or talk!).

As a reminder, our 2022 Show Judge is Dana Dozier. Barb Brown will serve as emergency back-up. ~~Additionally, Jean Surfus will serve as Show Judge in 2023.~~ *April 14, 2022 Correction. Jean Surfus is not show judge 2023.*

The fourth new business topic was an idea for our Club Calendar. There was a proposal to ask club website caretaker, Sue Riemund, to add a calendar feature to the website. This feature will enable members to communicate non-club activity updates and/or ideas. For example, if a club member was heading to the Annual Dog Day at the Milwaukee Admirals game, we could share the update even though the club itself did not have an official activity planned. Lisa will talk to Sue, and if this is possible, we will vote on this at the Annual Meeting.

Our fifth new business topic included an update to our website, which will allow members to renew their membership and pay their dues online via Venmo for 2023.

Our sixth new business discussion was a review of the annual Cooley Hunt Event. This is named after former Club Treasurer Sandi Cooley’s husband. In an effort to encourage Airedale participation and remember Randy, Lisa Berglin proposed the WATC pay for recording fees for WATC Airedales to reach their Fur Titles. Lisa made the motion, Sara Walker seconded, and all voted to approve.

Our business at the working meeting concluded at 6:28 PM. Craig Larrabee motioned we adjourn, Lisa seconded, and all approved.