Summary of

HWA Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes

9/20/2019

Welcome to our members and new friends attending this year’s event.

First order of business is enrolling our 2020 Board: The slate of candidates was not contested, as such Chris Halvorson, President, cast one ballot for the slate due to the absence of the Secretary.

New 2020 board members are: President –Chris Halvorson, Vice President- Susan Hogsette, Treasurer- John Nolan, Secretary- Kim Zaborniak, Board Members at Large- John Bell, Cindy Green, Diane Maxwell and Mary Wright

Appreciation to outgoing board members: Elizabeth Morrill, Stuart Eavenson and Kate Ostrowski.

Treasurers Report:

John Nolan provided the Financial Summary report to the members for review. Page 1: 2018 End of Year Excess Revenue was $1,475.29. Page 2: 2019 Year to Date we have an Excess Revenue of $3,042.47. This does not include bills which will need to be paid for Nationals. We will be slightly in the red until the 2020 membership dues start coming in.

We are currently $1,100 ahead of our planned budget.

Motion was made to accept the treasurer’s report by George Gordon and seconded by Sherry Glass. Motion carried.

Events Committee:

Nationals can’t run without volunteers, please sign-up to assist with tomorrow’s events. There are only 5 members on the Events Committee, who also have dogs entered in events. Your assistance is needed.

If you are interested you can also volunteer to be a member of the Events Committee.

At 2018 Natioanals, we had 35 people and 18 dogs. At this year’s Nationals, we have 32 people and 20 dogs.

Fundraising:

Thank you to Corally Burmaster and Pat Reed for the wonderful job they do with our Limited raffle and Silent Auction at the banquet.

Thank you to Patricia Nemeth for coordinating the design, creation and purchase of our merchandise, and to Ellen Gordon and Barb Tulanko for the sale of the merchandise.

Thank you to Cindy Green for the creation of our Nationals Catalog and everyone for their Ads.

Thank you to our Web master and the wonderful job she is doing with the HWA web site.

We have a huge Facebook following, and we would like to thank everyone for sharing their pictures to showcase what Airedales are capable of.

Puppy Brochures are available to breeders to hand out as puppies go to their new forever homes. Additionally, we have a Versatile breed brochure available and business cards for bulletin boards.

Pictures will be taken this weekend, please let Chris know if you would not like pictures of you or your dog used in HWA print and/or online media.

Education:

George Gordon is currently the chair and has presented great programs and will continue serving in this role. He is looking for new ideas, so please see George if you have an education idea.

A book by Bryan Cummins has been published which utilized photos of some of our dogs. The book is titled *Terriers of England and Wales*.

Breeder Referral:

A breeder must be a member of HWA in order to be listed on our Web Site.

Trophy:

We are looking for a new person to manage the Trophies. Dale and Kim will be taking over sponsorship of the Brown Bess award. Lawrence and Polly will continue sponsorship of the Priscilla Cree award.

Membership:

The 2020 membership drive is now open. Membership forms are here for you to take; they will also be on-line if you don’t have the opportunity to complete this weekend. Currently, we have 91 members and one international member who is a breeder in Mexico.

Other:

Fur test- we had 8 dogs run a tough track, with 2 passes. Junior- Elliot and Senior- Reeva. Dale Burrier represented the ATCA by presenting the qualifiers with ATCA rosettes.

There is an award with was typically awarded as part of the Cooley event yearly; the Winston and Randy Cooley Master Hunter Versatile Award. This award is offered by Sandi Cooley for Master Hunter Versatile dogs, and Sandi Cooley has determined this should include the Airedales participating in HWA events. As such, in 2017 we had two dogs achieve the title of Master Hunter Versatile and they will be added to the trophy. Dogs being added are Bruce- owner/handled by Chris Halvorson and Kira- owner/handled by Michael Sites. Dale Burrier made the presentation to Chris and Michael.

Bonnie Gilbert one of the founders of HWA recently passed away. Bonnie and her husband Steve did a lot for HWA over the years. Bonnie was a fundraising expert and offered many unique and great things to members. There will be a card in the club house for everyone to sign. The members were then encouraged to share their memories of Bonnie.

The AKC has announced as of August 2019, Airedales can now run in AKC Retriever Hunt Tests. There are questions on the AKC title designations and making sure the overlap of AKC designations such as JHU and JHR are not confused with similar HWA titles. HWA is not associated with AKC so our titles do not show on our dog’s pedigree.

Congratulations to Ellen and George Gordon who are celebrating their 61st Wedding Anniversary today.

Motion to adjourn by George and seconded by Diane. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Ostrowski, subbing for Secretary Elizabeth Morrill