

Dear WATC Members,

We held our Annual Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 22nd at the home of Craig Larrabee and Mike Bernklau. We had a lovely social hour with wine and appetizers, a delicious lunch, and a meeting filled with good discussion. We elected our 2015 officers and board members and presented awards to 2 Airedales and their owners.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our Airedale Specialty Show, which will be held on Saturday, June 27th at the Kettle Moraine Kennel Club in West Bend.

~Sue Shannon

MEETING MINUTES, FEB. 22, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m.

President's Report

Pam Straus brought up the topic of the ad we run in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. We run this ad twice per year, which satisfies one of our AKC compliance requirements. It includes our website and breeder referral list for anyone interested in an Airedale, and it includes Pam Straus' phone number. She gets a number of calls whenever the ad runs, and she is requesting that all breeders within our club keep her updated on litter announcements. This will help her field inquiries about puppies by referring these people to breeders who may have available dogs.

Vice-President's Report

There was no Vice President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Sandi Cooley reported that our checkbook balance is \$ xxxx.xx and shared our annual statement with the group. There was a discussion about our insurance, which costs \$600 per year, and whether we really need to have insurance. One option discussed would be for people to sign a waiver, if we were to have an event at a public park. Barb Brown made a motion for Sandi Cooley to look into this subject and get a legal opinion from her attorney friend. Lisa Berglin seconded the motion, and it was passed.

There was also a discussion about hosting joint events with the IL club near the Wisconsin / Illinois border, sharing any profits from these events and, hopefully getting more people to attend.

Lisa Berglin made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. It was seconded by Craig Larrabee, and it was passed.

Secretary's Report

There was no Secretary's Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Specialty Report

Pam Straus reported that all contracts have been signed and approved by the AKC. Anna Brinker will be our Sweeps Judge. Jon Cole will be the AKC judge for regular classes. Pam has booked rooms through the Kettle Moraine Kennel Club for out of town people. She has also reserved 4 grooming spots. Pam has also submitted the ad for our Specialty Show to the Airedale Terrier Club of American to be run in their publication.

Trophy Committee

Lisa Berglin will send the trophy list to Sandi, and she will send it to Kettle Moraine Kennel Club.

Food Committee

Sue Shannon will handle getting the fried chicken, salads and dessert for the luncheon. She will also bring the flower arrangement for our ringside table, as well as the Breed Info boards and photos for the "Meet the Breed" area.

Sue Shannon will also contact Connie Versagi to make a "Woolie Airedale" for our judge's gift.

Auction Committee

Lisa Berglin brought up the topic of having a raffle instead of an auction. It was determined that the club would have to get a license to have a raffle, but it might be more popular than the auction. It was determined that we will have an auction this year, but Lisa will be looking for several larger raffle items for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers and Board Members

The slate of officers for 2015 is as follows:

- President - Pam Straus
- Vice President - Lisa Berglin
- Treasurer - Sandi Cooley
- Secretary - Sue Shannon
- Board Members: Lanny Duttlinger, Craig Larrabee, Barb Brown

Mike Bernklau made a motion to accept the slate of officers and board members, and it passed unanimously. The club would like to thank Pam Lyon for her years as a board member.

Award Presentation

An award was presented to Craig Larrabee and Mike Bernklau, certifying that their Airedale, CH Moraine Warland Jack Bernabee ("Jack") achieved the title of Champion. He also achieved the #3 AKC National Ranking for 2014 Owner-Handled Competition.

WATC Member Lin Hartnett's Airedale U-CH Aircraft's New Chapter ("Page") achieved the title of UKC Champion.

Congratulations to the new title holders and their owners.

Fun Day

Pam Straus brought up an idea for a Fall Fun Day. The Sheboygan Dog Training Club is holding a Barn Hunt Trial on Halloween Weekend - Oct. 30 -Nov. 1. The weekend before that, Oct. 24th and 25th, the practice ring will be open. She thought it would be a great activity for club members who want to learn more about Barn Hunt and try it out with their Airedale. She will look into it and will supply more details as we get closer to the date.

She also mentioned that there will be a Barn Hunt Trial the weekend of Mar. 27 - 29 at the Sheboygan Training Club. The deadline to enter is March 11th. To register your dogs, go to www.barnhunt.com. To enter the Sheboygan Dog Training Club Barn Hunt Trial, go to the club's website: www.thesdtclub.com. Contact Pam Straus at airenscoot@att.net with any questions.

Lisa Berglin made a move that we adjourn the meeting, Craig Larrabee seconded it, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

From WATC Member Steve Lehrer:
 Current Litter turning 8 weeks old: 4 boys/4 girls.
 Sire: Joval When Love Comes To Town
 Dam:CH Hardknott Clever Cousin Charlotte
 Steve Lehrer
 Hardknott Airedales
 715-824-4482

 From WATC Member Jean Surfus:
 I am expecting a litter March 6th.
 Dam: Ch. Darbywood's Eye Of The Storm
 Sire: CH. Tierra De Churubusco Y Chubasco
jesurfus@wisc.edu
 608-798-3543

 From WATC Member Kathy Williamson:
 Litter announcement.
 Dam: Tara Kathy Williamson
 Sire: Yuri Leslie Lueck
 Born: January 29, 2015
 8 Pups 3 Females, 5 Males
 We have 3 boys left.