**Irish Setter Club of America**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Hilton Westchester**

**Elijah Budd Room**

**699 Westchester Ave**

**Rye Brook, NY 10573**

**February 8, 2020**

**8:30 am**

1. **Roll call**

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m. by President Jan Ziech. All were welcomed to New York.

Members present: Kelli Aitken, Christine Boutwell Perry, Debra Davis, Carolyn Dison, Pam Elsner, Bruce Foote, Debra Hamilton, Linda Kalmar, Richard Krasley, Heidi Laabs, Mary Lamphier, Karolynne McAteer, Pat McGarry, Suzie Schafer, Jeanine Wilson, Jan Ziech

Members absent: Anita Gage, Mary Goeke, Dawn Secord

2. **Reports from Committees received and read; call for additional agenda items**

3. **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of minutes from October 2019 Board of Directors Meeting and Executive Session
2. Approval of New Members
3. Approval of ISCA Committees

**Heidi Laabs made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for approval of the minutes and New Members, moving approval of ISCA Committees to New Business. Pam Elsner seconded the motion.**

**A roll call vote was taken. Approval of Consent Agenda as amended- Aitken, Boutwell, Davis, Dison, Elsner, Foote, Hamilton, Kalmar, Laabs. McAteer, McGarry, Schafer, Wilson, Ziech. Mr. Krasley and Mrs. Lamphier abstained from approval of the minutes and approved new members.**

4. **Opportunities of ISCA Members to address the Board**- none present

5. **Report of the President**

Jan Ziech provided her report. She reminded all we are all volunteers. Both the Board of Directors and Membership are all aging. She suggested asking others for help, engaging and training others to disperse knowledge.

6. **Report of the Recording Secretary**- minutes from October 2019 meeting submitted

7. **Report of the Treasurer**

Jeanine Wilson’s report was received. Total assets $434,176.99 and total liabilities $434,176.99.

**Bruce Foote made a motion, seconded by Richard Krasley, to approve the 2019 tax return as presented.**

**A roll call vote was taken. Approve- Boutwell, Davis, Dison. Elsner, Foote, Hamilton, Kalmar, Krasley, Laabs, Lamphier, McAteer, McGarry, Schafer, Secord, Wilson. Abstain- Aitken, Ziech**

8. **Report of the Corresponding Secretary**- report not received prior to the meeting due to technical issues.

9. **Report of the AKC Delegate**

Karolynne McAteer’s report was received.

1. Ms. McAteer has served as the AKC Delegate for the past ten years
2. Ms. McAteer is running for the AKC Board of Directors as an incumbent. Candidates were discussed and the BOD agrees with supporting Karolynne McAteer, Michael Knight, and Carmen Battaglia
3. Dog registrations are up 5%, litters increased 3%, and entries are up 3.1% in all sports
4. Meet the Breeds will have three new locations this year

10. **Committee Reports**

1. **Constitution**

Bruce Foote’s report was received. The committee is not active with the recent changes per AKC rules.

B. **Health Committee**

Anne Marie Kubacz’s report was received.

1. ISCA will be using PawPrint Genetics for testing as Optigen is no longer in business. Use code **ISCA2020** for significant savings on testing
2. We are excited to be participating in Michigan State University study for Breed Specific Reference Ranges for Canine Thyroid Testing. There are openings to dogs who may not be attending the National Specialty. Opportunity for the first 50 who cannot attend National Specialty based on criteria to participate. Please call MSU 517-432-5994 to see if your dog meets criteria if interested
3. ISCA encourages our members to register their dog’s health testing results with OFA. Getting a CHIC number does NOT indicate that the dog has cleared all of the health clearances required. It does mean that the dog’s owners are honest about revealing results, whatever they are. The days of hiding results need to be left behind. It is only by being honest and open about our dogs that we can go forward, assuring results are used in a scientific manner allowing for genetic diversity in our breed.

C. **Breeder’s Education**

Anne Marie Kubacz provided her report. Strongly recommend watching Bill Shelton/Doug Johnson video on YouTube.

D. **Memo**

John Laabs’ report was received.

1. 2019 Memo financial report was reviewed. Overall stable and relatively static
2. Judges survey of hard copy vs electronic delivery was inconclusive

E. **Show Consents**

Bruce Foote’s report was received. Online form only allows submission after AKC judges approved. Will revise to be able to complete without judges in order to advertise in the Show Calendar in the Memo to Members and on the website.

F. **Field Trial Consents**

Diane Seibel reported all is going well.

G. **Field Trial Executive Committee**

Dave Tompkins’ report was received.

1. The 2019 National Field Trial successfully completed both a National Open Field Champion and a National Amateur Field Champion. Unfortunately there are reduced entries which are a major concern and threaten the viability of our National Field Championship
2. The first 30 minute Gun Dog stake was successful
3. Field Trial Chair- 2020 Kelli Aitken, 2021 Brian Wagner

H. **Futurity**- no report

1. **2020 Quail Classic**

Stan Noble’s report was received.

1. Entries have been too few to continue running the Classic. It has only qualified as a major once in its three year history

J. **2020 National Field Trial**

Kelli Aitken provided her report.

1. Judges selection is progressing, working with grounds. National Field Trial will be October 25, 2020- potential ending October 31, 2020 in Booneville, Arkansas

K. **Walking Events, Executive Committee, 2019 & 2020 National Hunt Test, Walking Gun Dog Championship, AKC Walking Championship**

Jeanne Wagner’s report was received.

1. 2020 National HT, WGD Championship and AKC Walking Championship will be May 15-17, 2020 in Ionia, Michigan

L. **Policies and Procedures**

Dawn Secord’s report was received. The latest version was sent to Board Members January 2020. Policies and procedures are available on the website.

M. **Principles of Integrity**

Debra Hamilton’s report was received and revisions continue.

N. **National Events Committee**

Heidi Laabs’ report was received. There was discussion on expanding the expertise of members of the NEC.

**Jeanine Wilson made a motion, seconded by Mary Lamphier, to amend the loan for fundraising in Policy 336 to include the NEC (National Events Committee).**

**A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Kelli Aitken made a motion, seconded by Karolynne McAteer, to approve the site for the 2022 National Specialty.**

**A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.**

O. **2020 National**

Debra Davis’ report was received. Everything is proceeding smoothly.

1. The 2020 National Specialty will be at Island Grove Park in Greeley, Colorado June 1-6, 2020

P. **2021 National**

Debra Hamilton’s report was received.

1. The Eastern Irish Setter Association gave $1500 donation to the 2021 National Specialty to use as the Showchair sees fit.

**Mary Lamphier made a motion, seconded by Heidi Laabs, to approve the logo for the 2021 National Specialty.**

**A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.**

Q. **2022 National**

Mindy Higby’s repot was received.

R. **Versatility Program**

Jeanine Wilson provided her report. No titles were applied for since the last Board meeting. All were encouraged to hold Versatility with their local specialty shows.

S. **Foundation**

Sam Houston McDonald’s report was received.

1. The Irish Setter Club of America Foundations dispersed $200,000 in 2019 to AKC/CHF grants which affect the Irish Setter. They have dispersed $636,051 since the beginning with funds going to Health Grants, Rescue, and Scholarships.
2. Nominations for the E.I. Eldridge Award are due by April 10, 2020
3. The Top Twenty and Celebration for Success will be held in conjunction with the Annual Awards at the 2020 National Specialty.

T. **Meet the Breeds**

Carmen Hufstetler and Richard Krasley’s report was received. The booth was at Royal Canin and NYC Meet the Breeds. Thank you to all of the volunteers. Mr. Krasley discussed the increase in Meet the Breeds events across the country. There were approximately 10,000-12,000 visitors/day at the booth in New York City.

U. **Judges Education**

Sam Houston McDonald’s report was received.

1. An article on the Breed was in the November 2019 ShowSight Magazine
2. The English Setter Club of America has removed the term “racy” to describe the Irish Setter in their education
3. AKC/DJAA Sporting/NonSporting Institute- Mr. McDonald presented a breed seminar workshop during the week of the AKC Championship in Orlando
4. AKC Canine College- videos and interviews were obtained during the AKC Championship week
5. Illustrated Standard and Standardized Breed Presentation- work is ongoing

V. **Rescue**

Deanna Cuchairo’s report was received.

1. Russ Gibson will handle the Rescue Booth at the 2020 National Specialty. Help and donations were requested.

W. **Legislation**

Debra Hamilton’s report was received.

1. Need as many people as possible to get involved. Any lawyers who show dogs are needed. Need to learn how to be less confrontational, more listening. Please sign up for legislative alerts for your state and area.

A break was taken from 1:00 pm until 3:10 pm.

An Executive Session was held from 3:10 pm until 4:27 pm.

X. **Membership Renewals**

Jeanine Wilson provided her report. Renewals have declined slightly, the majority renewed online.

Y. **New Memberships**

Kelli Aitken provided her report.

Z. **Website**

Jan Ziech’s report was received.

1. The new Irish Setter Club of America website is up and running.

**Jeanine Wilson made a motion, seconded by Bruce Foote, for ISCA to provide $500/year for website consultation to the webmaster.**

**A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.**

AA. **Communications**- nothing to report

BB. **Club Archives**

Maureen Day’s report was received.

CC. **Pictorial**

John and Heidi Laabs’ report was received.

**Kelli Aitken made a motion, seconded by Mary Lamphier, to approve to hire Susan Sampson for Layout of the 2021 Pictorial, keeping the price point the same in all aspects.**

**A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Pam Elsner made a motion, seconded by Richard Krasley, to authorize the Pictorial editors to purchase a new computer and printer for use of the production of the Pictorial.**

DD. **Awards**

Debbie Davis provided her report.

EE. **ROM Program**

Lorilei Windhorn’s report was received. In 2019 4 sires qualified as ROMs through October 2019 AKC records. 3 bitches qualified for ROMs through October 2019 AKC records. There have been no applications for ROM-Vs during 2019.

FF. **ISCA Title Certificates**

Carolyn Dison provided her report. Certificates are mailed quarterly.

GG. **AKC Gazette Column**- no report.

11. **Unfinished Business**

1. Irish Setter Legacy Bank
2. Survey regarding mailing hard copy of Memo vs digital transmission to judges- survey inconclusive
3. ISCA podcasts-Debra Hamilton and John Laabs will work on and report at a future meeting
4. Digital Guide to the Irish Setter- online education committee (Mary Lamphier, Linda Kalmar, Christine Boutwell, Jeanine Wilson) will begin to work on this project
5. Breeder recognition similar to the ROM recognition- Carolyn Dison discussed. Committeeformed last meeting to include Carolyn Dison, Anita Gage, Heidi Laabs, Linda Kalmar

12. **New Business**

1. Frozen semen section for the Memo- Mary Merlo
   * Will not add formal section at this time as working on the Irish Setter Legacy Bank. Anyone may advertise frozen semen in the Memo to Members
2. Indication of Breeder judges on ISCA ballot- requested by Dennis Laturie. Discussed and will not mark breeder judges in the judges ballot for the National Specialty.
3. ISCA Committee assignments

**Mary Lamphier made a motion, seconded by Debra Hamilton, to approve the revised 2020 ISCA Committee assignments.**

**A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.**

13. **Other Business**- none

14. **Adjournment**

**Debra Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Bruce Foote, for adjournment.**

**A voice vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M Boutwell Perry, MD

ISCA Recording Secretary

Future meetings: May 31, 2020 at the National Specialty in Greeley, Colorado and October 31, 2020 at the National Field Trial in Booneville, Arkansas

**Policy Changes**

**336 ISCA Loan to Local Club (or NEC) for Fundraising**

*Board:  02/08/2020 – Effective:  02/08/2020*

1. ISCA will offer up to a $1500 loan, interest free, to the local club (or NEC) as a head start on fundraising

*Board:  05/01/2011 – Effective:  05/01/2011*

1.     ISCA will offer up to a $1500 loan, interest free, to the local club as a head start on fundraising.

2.    The loan must be repaid by 12/31 of the year in which the loan was made.

**327.1 Website Support for Word Press**

*Board:  02/08/2020 – Effective:  02/08/2020*

1. Up to $500 may be spent on support for Word Press – annually