

IHCUS Annual Membership Meeting on September 12, 2013 at 8:00 Central daylight savings time

Present: President, L. McKay, Secretary L. Boe, Treasurer J. Rivers. Members: C. Allen, T. Burke, C. Kauffman, Meegan Pierotti-Tietje, Absent Robin Castillo.

Report of the President: President would like to thank the membership for another fantastic year of club events. She would like to wish everyone well for the weekends activities and thanks all that have participated in this years' event. She appreciates all of the people that volunteer and looks forward to seeing more involvement from the membership in the coming year.

Report of the Secretary: Transition to new secretary has been very smooth thanks to the previous secretary and her organization skills. The secretary reports the following attendees to the Annual Meeting of which represents a quorum present:

Christine Allen	Linda Boe	Teddy Burke	Karen Catt DMV	Carol Dickerson Kauffman
Peggy Kauffman	Shelley Kozinski	Dr. Eric Liebes	Lisa McKay	Alex Mitchell-Lynch
Sarah Murphy	Janet Rivers	Dianna Scarce	Christy Shaw	Meegan Pierotti-Tietje
Darlene Tolman	Robert Wasick	Sue Ellen Wasick		

Guests:

Robert Shaw

Report of the Treasurer: Bank balances as of Annual meeting:	Chase checking:	\$12,879.81
	Chase Savings:	\$100.00
	Paypal:	\$6863.62
	Total:	\$19,843.43

Report of the Committees:

Newsletter, Meegan Perotti -Tietje provided an update on the newsletter.

Webmaster, as provided by Chris Allen: Chris Allen has thanked Kurt Anderson for getting the IHCUS website up and running along with the many features that are available to the members and the Ibizan Hound Fancier. Kurt is still involved with the website providing assistance when needed.

Individual members are now able to access their personal information and can update their information at all times. This helps to keep our members' contact information current. With the membership system yearly membership renewals are processed online and payment is made via paypal.

Items on the website that target Members only are;

Member ads from the Third Eye can now be viewed by visitors to the IHCUS Website for a nominal fee from the members.

All reports, board meeting minutes, access to labels of IHCUS Members

Forms, Award information, breed expert application, election forms, expense reports, links to the AKC Event Application forms

Information on applying and hosting a National specialty, Independent specialty, Designated Specialty and supported entries. There is also information for including the 4 to 6 month puppy class at a show.

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Other items available on the website are upcoming IHCUS events and results of IHCUS Events. There are many links available on the website that may be of interest to IHCUS Members and Ibizan hound fanciers. Things are evolving so check the site often.

Health and Research as provided by Charlene Fortner; An update on the Shasta project has been requested from Texas A&M University with the hopes that I can pass this onto the membership in the next Third Eye.

Several breeders and owners have contacted H & R to report health conditions in the past few months. I would still encourage the membership to consider this process and I will begin compiling this information for the purpose of trends and considering future research proposals. At this time, there is not a database of reported conditions or an up-to-date breed health survey. OFA offers a customizable breed health survey that would provide a free data-collection and real time results for an undefined period of time. I will be working this fall to set up a survey to be in early 2014.

Historian as provided by Charlene Fortner; The historian files are still split between myself and the previous Historian, Nan K. Little. The last few boxes will be picked up this fall. In the coming months, I hope to begin scanning files for digital storage. This move will enable IHCUS to easily access records and resources for research. The original files are currently sorted in cardboard bankers boxes. I hope to update these to plastic, waterproof file boxes during the scanning process. Also at the time of scanning, a new inventory of the club's historian files will be compiled. This list and updates will be printed in the Third Eye.

There is interest in making old Third Eye issues available via the member's section of IHCUS' website. As issues are digitally rendered, they will be shared with the webmaster for this purpose.

Ways & Means as provided by Chris Allen and Robin Castillo; this past year we have gotten the IHCUS Shop up and running with the assistance of Kurt Anderson. All of the national specialty items were listed in the shop and individuals were able to sign up for and order all of the various items that make up the National (T-shirts, health clinics, box lunches, Trophy sponsorship, parade of honors, catalog advertisement and pre-order of catalog) this has proven very helpful in tracking all monies coming in.

In addition to the National specialty items various custom Ibizan hound items are now available for purchase. Thanks to Christy Moore and Nan Kilgore-Little for the artwork that has been used on many of the items. The IHCUS Logo is available on many items. The items available are anything from T-shirts to hats to coffee mugs and jewelry. There are some items from past National specialties that can still be purchased. Go to the IHCUS shop to see what is available.

Ways and means have been very busy this past year and hopefully we will be adding more items to the shop. Don't forget to keep checking to see what is there.

Rescue As provided by Michele Barlak; It has been a quiet year for IHCUS Rescue, thanks to the breeders who are being responsible for their dogs! I have investigated a few reports of Ibizans in shelters that ended up being other breeds. We have a male wire that recently came into rescue in Ohio. Lisa McKay is fostering him (thanks Lisa!) and is currently evaluating him. Info about him will be posted on the website soon, once we know him better.

A pet owner in Ohio is looking for help in placing her 8-year old wire female. She's spayed, current on shots and house trained. Her breeder is no longer active in the breed. Please contact me at rescue@ihcus.org if you know anyone looking to adopt.

Breeders and owners who have spayed and neutered dogs who are looking for homes should feel free to let me know so I can send them referrals when there are no dogs in rescue.

I would like to remind everyone that should they spot a dog for sale on craigslist or up for adoption on petfinder, they should contact me privately so I may investigate it. When dogs are posted publicly on sites like facebook or emailed around, it can be impossible to get in touch with the person trying to rehome the dog. These people are often extremely sensitive because giving up a dog is a very

hard thing to do. The barrage of emails and phone calls put them on the defensive and makes it very difficult for IHUCS Rescue to get involved and offer help. This goes for shelters and rescue groups too.

Thanks to everyone who has supported rescue.

Membership as provided by Shelley Kozinski; I took over as membership chair in March of this year. Since January, we have 14 new members that we have welcomed to the club. (Susan Tinch, Peggy Kauffman, Sarah Beaupre, Mandy Kleiman, Darlene Tolman, Pamela Wilson, Robin & Steve Pustztay, Phillip Martin, Karen Douglas, Diane Arbeit, Richard Zelig, Dianna Scarce, Brianna Butcher) This brings our membership to 111 individuals members, 1 honorary member and 2 members clubs for a total of 114 members in good standing. With the fall publication of the Third Eye, there is a new group of 7 individuals who have entered into the membership process. Hopefully we will be welcoming them into the club shortly.

Before I conclude a few housekeeping items I need to address:

- 1) If you are sponsoring someone please note and fill out the contact line on the sponsorship form. Sometimes these forms arrive separately from the application. If sometime goes by and I've not received the application I like to send little nudge emails along to the applicant to either remind them to send their application in or find out if they are still interested in joining.
- 2) Applications must be completed with 2 sponsorship forms and the fee before they are submitted to the Third Eye for publication. This keeps incomplete apps from being inadvertently voted on for membership. Remember all forms and information can be found on line at the IHCUS website.
- 3) Please note if you are sponsoring a possible future member and the other sponsor is a member of your household; it is preferable that the applicant seek another member to sponsor their membership. It isn't required but it is preferred as stated in the directions for sponsorship.

Awards as provided by Christy Shaw; this is the first year we have been placing the award recipients in each Third Eye. It seems to have been well received and we have had more and more people send in their applications. For 2014 we will continue to put the recipients in the Third Eye as well as try to continue to promote IHUCS Awards. Chris Allen has been very helpful in posting this information on the website.

The 2013 Spring Third Eye was the first time we had the year's top ten in the areas of conformation, coursing, obedience and agility. I had a lot of positive feedback for the new feature as well as some helpful tips.

We have had updates to the eligibility requirements in a few areas for the available awards so I would just remind everyone to review the documents available online.

For 2014 we hope to continue to flood the Third Eye with positive information such as the prior years' compilation of AKC earned titles and having awards recipients in each edition.

Breed Referral as provided by Meegan Pierotti-Tietje; the breeder referral program serves as a point of contact for those members who strive to produce quality Ibizan hounds in keeping with our standards of responsible breeding and in line with the IHCUS code of ethics. This year we have seen only two listings. It is my belief that the program's objectives could be unclear to the membership and that much of the breeder referral's content is difficult to access via the website.

This year we have begun steps to rework several aspects of the program, in order to align the clubs objectives for the program with accessibility for the public. We hope to encourage more interest and use of the program through the website. Furthermore, we hope to supply those using breeder referral to find a breeder with the tools necessary to educate themselves and make an informed decision.

Breeder referral continues to recommend that a minimum of two of the five CHIC recommended health tests be performed on breeding stock prior to breeding. Those tests are:

- 1) CERF Eye exam: a CERF eye exam is good for one calendar year. Breeder referral recommends that breeding stock have a current CERF exam prior to breeding and that puppies be CERFed before going to their new homes

- 2) BAER Hearing test: this test is good for a lifetime of the dog. Breeder referral recommends that a BAER test be performed on puppies prior to going to new homes.
- 3) Penn Hip or OFA Hip: Hip exams rule out hip dysplasia, and while not common in our breed, is a recommended exam. This test can not be performed on immature dogs and the test is good for the lifetime of the dog.
- 4) Cardiac Screening: to check for the heart arrhythmia or abnormality. A routine exam is often performed on puppies but it is a good idea to have an adult dog examined. This test is good for the lifetime of the dog.
- 5) Thyroid test. Irregular thyroid is also not common but is recommended and must be performed on an adult. This test is good for the lifetime of the dog.

AKC Delegate as reported by Luane Williams; The September Delegate's meeting was held in Newark, N.J. over September 9-10.

President Dennis Sprung called the meeting to order and followed the agenda.

I will high-light this agenda: Ballots for election of Delegate Standing Committees were passed out, the results to be given at the end of the meeting. New Delegates were introduced. The Chairman's report was read (this report will be sent separately) Minutes were approved. Financial report was given by Peter Fournsworth, CFO. It was more positive than in the past.

Proposed amendment was voted on:

Chapter 4 - Rules Applying to Dog Shows: Approval of Judges' Panels and Premium Lists which would eliminate the different times frames for sending premium lists to prospective exhibitors based on the delivery method. Briefly, this amendment states that premium lists must be printed and sent to prospective exhibitors at least FIVE weeks prior to closing date of show. This amendment was adopted/passed with the 2/3 required vote.

To be voted on in December and read at this meeting: briefly, An amendment on dog show classifications: miscellaneous classes for each breed shall be puppy, Bred-by-Exhibitor and open and divided by sex.

Under new business:

Jim Crowley reported on the nominating committee for Board positions next Spring. The committee entertains any suggestions for candidates. The slate will be announced at the December meeting. Interviewing has begun.

We were informed that there will be NO live TV for the National show (Eukanuba) in December. There will be 'streaming' which is suppose to be more detailed as to breed, group et al. There will be full on-line streaming after the show too.

Five Delegates received their "25 year" medallion and recognition.

Two programs were visited which I do feel have merit:

1). CAR (Companion Animal Recovery) has been re-named. The new name is AKC REUNITE and the slogan is: "The way home for lost pets." I am happy to support this change and you will be seeing advertising as to this. The new website is: www.akcreunite.org. You might wish to check it out.

2) The AKC Pet Disaster Relief program. In June we were privy to view the AKC trailer which is well stocked with administrative supplies, maintenance equipment (batteries, duct tape et al) rolling dollies, crates, food (both canned and dry), matting, a generator, bowls, microchips and scanner, fans and all necessary equipment to aid cats and dogs during any separation due to a disaster such as a tornado, fires or flooding. The trailer is 16' x 7' two axles and can supply emergency relief for 50 pets or more. AKC is promoting the backing of these trailers thru' various AKC clubs. This trailer will cost each club \$22,000.00 to buy and stock. After a trailer is ready for duty, each supporting club will donate such to their qualified town, county, city or state (their choice). The club will have their club banner on each trailer. AKC will supply training as to use and set up to the receivers. Upon set up the supplies will be used for temporary shelter and/or a way to keep pets close to their families during crisis. AKC has earmarked \$250,000. for this program. It will also work together with the AKC Reunite program.

I would like to suggest you talk to your kennel clubs as to possibly backing a trailer or gathering several clubs together to back a trailer. There are already several ready to be homed by clubs on the East coast. This is a GOOD thing the AKC has put together. I hope that IHCUS could partner with other small number breeds and donate a trailer for this purpose where needed. The website is: www.akcreunite.org/reliefrelief@akcreunite.org. Please Check it out!

Several of the AKC backed funds have had a great increase in donations such as the Human Fund (90% increase) which supports Women's shelters and the Sandy fund which will be available to help those touched by the Sandy disaster on the East Coast.

It has been decided by AKC that all Delegate meetings will be held in Newark, NJ - except the December one which coincides with The National Show.

I have been asked to submit all AKC information received to the IHCUS secretary for distribution so I will not be sending anything out via e-mail. I hope you will continue to be informed as to the workings of AKC. I will still be happy to act as a source of information for AKC or take your questions to AKC.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm