

IHCUS Annual Membership Meeting on September 10, 2014  
Meeting was called to order at 8:29 pm CST

Present: Officers: President L. McKay, Secretary: C. Shaw BOD Members: C. Kauffman, C. Allen.  
Absent: VP R. Castillo, Treasurer, J. Rivers, T. Burke, M. Pierotti-Tietje

Report of the President: L. McKay asked all the members and guests to introduce themselves. She then welcomed everyone to the 2014 Specialty and discussed the time schedule of all the events.

Report of the Secretary: C. Shaw reports the following attendees to the Annual Meeting of which represents a quorum:

Karen Catt, Christine Allen, David Chubb, Heidi Clevenstine, Mathew Fox, Carol Dickerson Kauffman, Mandy Kleiman, Lisa McKay, Alexandria Mitchell-Lynch, Christy Shaw, Darlene Tolman, Robert Wasick and Sue Ellen Wasick

Guests: Terrienne Basch, Lenna Hanna-O'Neill, and Colleen Pluta

Report of the Treasurer: Bank balances as of the Annual meeting

PayPal - \$16,003.09  
Chase Checking - \$9,089.47  
Chase Savings - \$100.00  
TOTAL - \$25,192.56

Committee Reports as submitted from the Chair:

**Awards:** 2014 brought us many new and exciting changes to the IHCUS Awards Program. Initiated by a couple of our members, this program was completely revised through polling our membership and research of what other parent clubs offer. Due to the length of time it takes to accomplish such a transition the program had been on hold for most of the past year.

The Hall of Fame is now designed to identify those dogs who are pioneers and for those who have received the most prestigious awards available to our breed. Comprising of various levels of accomplishment in numerous fields, the Versatility award is now truly intended for the versatile Ibizan. The Merit program is designed to acknowledge those dogs and bitches that have produced not only outstanding Champions but also those whose offspring excel in performance.

With the launch of the new program the committee is beginning to receive applications. Through promotion, we hope to have many more members permit IHCUS to acknowledge their Ibizans and success.

Respectfully submitted by,

Christy Shaw, Chairman Wendy Anderson, Awards Committee

### **Breeder Referral Annual Report**

As your breeder referral chair I want to thank those of you who have taken the time to familiarize yourselves with the new program. This was quite a process for the BOD to revamp this year and I believe that it now will better serve those of you who wish you utilize it. The BOD approved changes that fall in line with the direction that the American Kennel Club is moving, with regard to health testing and I believe that we have managed to make this a very easy and accessible program for both less frequent breeders (even first timers or those with a future first time breeding planned) as well as seasoned breeders. Please do take a moment to look at the program and if you have any questions at all, I'm am here and available to go over things with you.

Wishing you all great success with your future breeding plans and puppies,  
Meegan Pierotti-Tietje

### **Judge's Education Committee**

Heidi Clevenstine will present the Judge's Education Seminar and lead the Breed Education session at the National on Thursday. We have 4 or 5 judges signed up for the Judge's Ed. Rinside mentoring and the Hand's-on exercise will occur on Friday as usual. I hope we have good attendance at the Breed Education session. I will be presenting the IHCUS seminar at a Hound Institute sponsored by AKC and the Senior Conformation Judges Association at Eukanuba in Orlando in December. I will ask for dogs to come to a hand's on when the date is confirmed.

We are making progress on the Illustrated Standard after a delay because of a change in plans. I will be completing a rough first draft and distributing it to all Judge's Education Committee Team members in the next month or so. After editing and suggestions from the committee We will submit the next draft to the Board for further review and suggestions. Hopefully then we can advance to an electronic and printed Illustrated Standard he can all be proud of.

--Eric Liebes

### **Lure Coursing Report- Holly Hamilton (ASFA Delegate)**

Lure coursing participation continues to grow.

Last year's number one lure coursing dogs:

In AKC #1 was GCH DC Orion-Ahram Blueberry Wine, MC LCX 3 –Boo or Blueberry owned by Justin Dannenbring and Curtis Freeling

In ASFA #1 was Devillez A Lil Travlin Music LCM3 VLCM 3 – Dakota owned by Carol Gibbons

This year's winner (2014) winner of the ASFA International Invitational Gillette stake was DC Alik's Notanuff Sell the Sizzle FCH, SC – Kramer owned by Christy Shaw and Alice Mirestes

The 2015 ASFA International Invitational will be held May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at Meadowbrook Farm in North Bend, Washington.

There is now an ASFA Facebook page and ASFA invites all to share a club's trial information or wins as well as sharing photos.

ASFA is always willing to listen to thoughts or any new ideas and those can be forwarded to Bill Bowlus-Root ([CorresSecy@asfa.org](mailto:CorresSecy@asfa.org)) who can direct them to appropriate committees for consideration.

**Membership Report:** January 31st concluded our annual membership renewal with 117 members in good standing. As we look back over the past 5 years, we see this continues the trend towards a gradual increase in membership.

2009 – 83, 2010 – 83, 2011 – 93, 2012 – 102, 2013 – 114

As of this date we stand at 118 members, 2 honoree members, and 1 local club.

We welcome 3 new IHCUS members confirmed since January:

Judy Parker  
Mary Ridenour  
Michelle Ridenour

We currently have 4 new member applicants that will be published in the Fall T.E.

Submitted by: Shelley Kozinski

### **National Specialty Performance Chair September 3, 2014:**

At this years National Specialty we have added 2 Coursing Ability Tests and have split the AKC and ASFA Specialty Lure Coursing events. This has been a suggestion from the membership and the NS Committee has agreed to try it to see how things go. If successful we may continue it in the future. We have continued to increase the entries in our LC events:

2012

AKC		ASFA	
Open	16	Open	7
Specials	15	F.CH.	10
Veteran	3	Veteran	4
Singles	1	Singles	1
Totals	35		22

2013

AKC		ASFA	
Open	27	Open	16
Specials	9	F.CH.	6
Veteran	6	Veteran	4
Singles	1	Singles	1
Totals	43		27

2014 – Pre-Entry

AKC		ASFA	
Open	21	Open	10
Specials	10	F.CH.	6
Veteran	4	Veteran	7
Singles	2	Singles	1
Totals	37		24

Obed/Rally are have received more entries this year than we have had in the past couple of years BUT we would like to encourage more to come people have FUN with the rest of us by doing performance with your hounds!

Submitted by: Chris Allen

### **National Specialty Show Chair**

The 2014 National Specialty has the following entry numbers:

- Obedience/Rally: 8
  - 4-6mo Puppies: 4
  - Junior Showmanship: 2
  - Sweepstakes: 17
  - National Specialty: 75
- TOTAL: 106

The 2015 National Specialty is scheduled for September 8th-11th at Purina Farms. Regular conformation, 4-6mo puppies, and junior showmanship judge: Katie Campbell. Sweepstakes judge: Robin Castillo. Once again we will need all the help we can get! The following Specialty Committee Chairs will be available for 2015:

- Annual Banquet & Auction
- Hospitality

- Trophies (Conformation)
- Trophies (Performance)
- T-shirts
- Welcome Bags
- Videography Coordinator
- Parade of Honors

Anyone interested is welcomed to contact 2015 Show Chair, Mandy Kleiman at [show\\_chair@ihcus.org](mailto:show_chair@ihcus.org). Even if you aren't able to be on a committee, any help is greatly appreciated!

### **Rescue Committee Report**

It has been a relatively quiet year for rescue. Two dogs were fostered and adopted - Boogie and his son, Arrow, an Ibizan/Saluki mix. Unfortunately, Arrow was just returned by his adopters to IHCUS Rescue. It was determined that the young child in the home was too stressful for Arrow. He is fostered by Lexy Kubicka. Please contact me for more information about Arrow. He's healthy and ready for his new home. There are 3 adults (1 female wire and 2 smooth males) in Florida whose owners are looking to rehome them. Please see [www.ibizanhounddatabase.com](http://www.ibizanhounddatabase.com) for more information about those three dogs.

At least once a month I get an inquiry from a shelter or new adopter with a dog they believe to be an Ibizan Hound. Sometimes they become rescue cases, but this year they have all been mixes of other breeds - so I have been educating those people about our breed and providing advice when appropriate. Occasionally, a new puppy owner will email me to ask for housebreaking and training advice which I gladly give to them.

Over the last six years (my time as rescue chair) 50 dogs have been rescued, returned to their responsible breeders or rehomed through courtesy listings. Thank you to those who continue to support rescue by donating and volunteering to foster, transport, inspect a home, and check shelters. Rescue is a collective effort and couldn't be done without the great support that we receive from the members and officers of our club.

Michelle Barlak, IHCUS Rescue Chair

### **Third Eye Annual Report**

The Third Eye would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the membership for its unwavering support. Over the past year we have grown by leaps and bounds. The Third Eye has contracted with a new printer local to myself, in North Carolina. This is proving to be a great advantage and the printer's work seems to be exemplary. The process for getting the third eye from deadline to your door is a long and complicated one. we must finalize all content (some content MUST be in the third eye in order for it to go to print), seek BOD approval after BOD proofing (often edits and last minute changes come in here), Then I convert the document into a very large format for the printer, send to the printer, the printer sends a proof for approval, then we do a full run. Once this is complete, I stuff and send them to you. this is if everything goes smoothly. So, as always, your patience in this process is appreciated and i thank all of you who submit your reports regularly and on time.

As we are a very small club, the cost per Third Eye must be kept at an affordable price, without sacrificing content or quality. We have a very competitive newsletter which has received a wide variety of far stretching compliments from judges, as well as other sighthound breeders. If we are to continue to keep the content and quality of printing at our current standard, we must continue to have the support of you, the membership. Please remember that the third eye makes no profit, it only pays for itself. This year to date, the third eye has done just this!

Furthermore, I am trying very much to personally support you all as the editor, in your events. The Third Eye gives out awards at the national. At Westminster we handed out little gifts to all the participants, We've encouraged several of you who have participated in the NLCC, Eukanuba, large

Ibizan entries and supported entries, to submit photos and do write ups for us to publish. It is my hope that you will all see this as the club reaching out to support you!  
Please remember that there are many, many ways in which to contribute to the Third Eye. Please place ads, write and submit an article, submit cover photos, share your new titles, tell us about upcoming events in your area. We are very, very open to these things and more! This is your newsletter!

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart, Meegan Pierotti-Tietje

### **Webmaster Report September 3, 2014:**

A number of new items have been uploaded to the IHCUS website:

- Results of IHCUS sponsored shows and supported entries
- The breed and breeder referral information has been updated
- More information regarding Judges Education:
  - o The slide presentation is available to view under the Judges Ed Tab
  - o A link to find when AKC Judges Education Seminars are being held, AKC Judges Education Guidelines, Study Guides and Newsletters
- Beginning information for the 2015 National Specialty
- An easy link to the IHCUS Shop and other "Beezer" specialty items can be found on the SHOP tab
- A digital way of submitting and paying for your Ad in the T.E.
- Items available to MEMBERS ONLY Include
  - o PAST Third Eye Issues - and Thanks to Rose Bednarski for scanning and getting to me many of the PAST issues that we were missing online. These will begin to be uploaded within the next month.
  - o AKC Ibizan Hound Stud Book
  - o Minutes of past Board Meetings and Annual Meetings
  - o Titles and Awards earned by Ibizan Hounds
  - o The Guidelines and Application to apply for Versatility, Hall of Fame and Merit Awards for your hounds
  - o Information on hosting a National, Independent and Designated Specialty and a Supported Entry
  - o Forms and applications related to IHCUS and its various components.
- The IHCUS Members Only forum is now being employed for Member input and information dissemination

Haven't been to the Web site lately??? Go take a look.

Submitted by Chris Allen, Webmaster

**Old Business** - N/A

**New Business** - N/A

Motion to adjourn was made by H. Clevenstine, seconded by C. Allen. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm CST