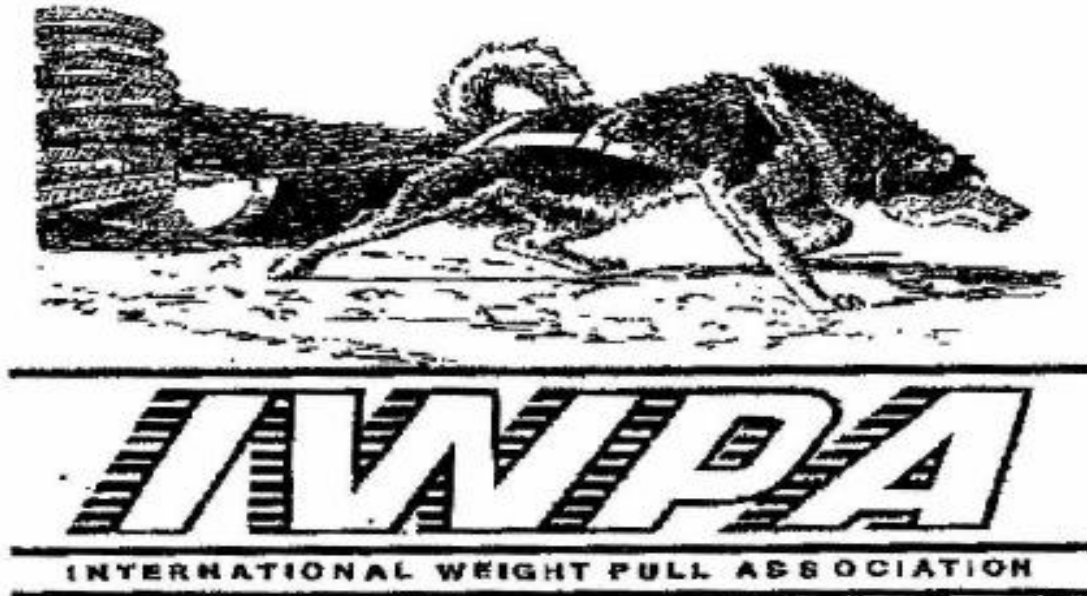


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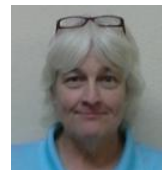


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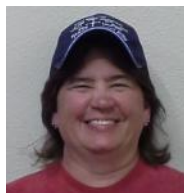
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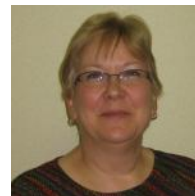
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

George Ferrari

Welcome to a new season of weight pulling. Hope all is well with your furry team mates , and handlers as well.

It's not hard to get excited after witnessing the great turnout for the Championships, and having new dogs do well. There was a great turnout for the board meeting in Memphis and a lot was accomplished. Rule changes and clarifications were made and regular business was handled with great care and new board members got their feet wet so to speak.

I am very proud to be your President again this year, and hope we are successful keeping this organization running smoothly again this year as it has in the past. We are blessed to have such a great group of volunteers. Take some time and see what we did by reading the minutes from our meeting, and hopefully you will be as happy as I am to be a member of the IWPA.

Thank you board members for all you do.

Now get those dogs ready here comes a season of fun.

George



FROM YOUR STATISTICIAN

Sue Ferrari

Hello,

I just want to remind all of you, to please watch your dog's points and name, during the season. Because we tend to have some people who wait until the last second to let me know if the name is incorrect, if I have it in the listing twice or maybe your points are incorrect, I am going to start something new. **If your dog is listed incorrectly, you have until the next newsletter to let me know.** I will not go back at the end of the year, and try to get everything fixed, and delay the whole process. So, in October, when we will have scores from some of the September pulls, you will need to let me know before the November Newsletter comes out, that there is an issue. If this causes a major problem for anyone, please let me know. And remember; please enter your dog with the same name for every pull that they are at.

She's gone to the dogs.....

Sue Ferrari



FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP CHAIR

Valarie Thawley

Hello Everyone,

Hope you're having a great summer!

Welcome to a new season of weight pulling. This letter is to inform you about the Championship schedule for the next several years. The new part about this is that the schedule will stay the same with no exceptions. The catch is that if the District that are scheduled don't put their bid in by September 15<sup>th</sup>, than it's open to any District to put their bid in to hold the Championships. It will be announced in the October's Newsletter if a bid has been accepted or not. If a bid hasn't been accepted, then you have until December 1<sup>st</sup> to put a bid in for your District.

Here's the Championship schedule by District for the next several seasons:

- 2017 – 2018: Mid-East (Regions 4, 6, 8)
- 2018 – 2019: Mid-West (Regions 3, 9)
- 2019 – 2020: East (Regions 5, 11, 7)
- 2020 – 2021: Mid-West (Regions 3, 9)
- 2021 – 2022: Mid-East (Regions 4, 6, 8)
- 2022 – 2023: West (Regions 1, 2, 10, 12)

Thank you,

Valarie Thawley

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Memphis, TN**

Meeting called to order at 8:20 AM by President George Ferrari; present President George Ferrari, Vice President Brenda Lemon, Secretary to the Board Robbie Reed, Treasurer Cheryl Martin, Sheryl Franklin, Valarie Thawley, Sean Hammell, Susan Gallagher, and Bob Sencenbaugh. Absent was Beverly Detwiler. Visitor Jean Wilson

**Board Reports**

Secretary Robbie Reed presented a written report which included a recap of items voted upon during the season. Motion by Bob Sencenbaugh to accept the written report, Second by Sheryl Franklin, MSP.

Treasurer Cheryl Martin presented a written report which included the final budget (excluding a couple of outstanding charges), Check Ledger and Deposit statement. Motion made by Bob Sencenbaugh to accept the report as written, Second by Susan Gallagher, MSP.

**Committee Reports**

Drug Testing- Robbie Reed presented a written report. It was asked who decides if drug testing will be conducted at Championships. Robbie Reed advised she discusses with the President and they decide on testing or not. Robbie stressed the importance that testing to not be disclosed until the morning of Championships. Additionally, Robbie explained she had not received any communication from Larry Williams after the response letter was sent out. Susan Gallagher advised she did not receive the Championship Medal back from Larry Williams as required. This tabled for further discussion under additional old business. Motion made by Susan Gallagher to accept the report as written, Second by Brenda Lemon, MSP.

Membership - Rodney Martin provided a written report which was presented by Cheryl Martin. There were 132 memberships obtained this season; the same number as last season. Sean Hammell asked about the number of Junior Memberships that have been obtained and if there is something we could do to promote the Junior Memberships. There has only been 1 Junior Membership obtained in the history of this membership option. Motion by Bob Sencenbaugh to accept the report as written, Second by Sheryl Franklin MSP.

Sanctioning - Sue Ferrari provided a written report which was presented by President George Ferrari. Sue indicated she sanctioned 113 pulls including Championships. Seven were novice pulls. Two of these pulls were canceled; one due to the loss of the site and the other due to lack of interest in a new area. Sue indicated she received statistics on 110 pulls. Of the three which she didn't receive one was one day of a two day pull canceled due to poor weather conditions. The other two pulls she didn't receive the sanctioning money in a timely fashion so the pulls were canceled. The problem continues with some organizers misspelling dog's names or not putting the full name down. Motion by Sheryl Franklin to accept the report as written, Second by Susan Gallagher, MSP.

Judges-Bob Sencenbaugh presented a written report. There were 34 Judge Renewals and 4 new Judges certified for a total of 38. Bob received Judges Reports from all but 2 pulls. There were a total of 15 DQ's recorded; 13 were for 5C3 (touching the dog/chute), 1 for 4B (aggressive dog) and 1 for 5C12 (2 tangles). Bob added the Judging at Championships went well and thanked George Ferrari for being the Chief Judge at Championships. Motion to

accept by Sheryl Franklin, Second Brenda Lemon, MSP.

Elections - Beverly Detwiler was absent. Robbie Reed included the report that Beverly provided after the election was completed. Motion to accept by Bob Sencenbaugh, Second by Sheryl Franklin, MSP.

Animal Welfare/Education - Sheryl Franklin provided a written report. Sheryl advised she submitted articles for the Newsletter each month to Robbie. Robbie continues to submit all recall notices. Bob Sencenbaugh made a Motion to accept, Second by Susan Gallagher, MSP.

Standing Rules/Forms - Robbie Reed submitted a written report. All forms updated and made into PDF for the web site. Also fillable forms were created and Robbie heard from only a couple of people who were not able to fill in forms which they obtained off the web site. Robbie sent original forms to the members who had problems and then they were able to use the original forms. Cheryl Martin made a Motion to accept report, Second by Brenda Lemon, MSP.

Awards - Susan Gallagher submitted a written report. Susan advised there were 77 members who received invitations to compete at Championships. She added the breakdown for Regional Medals awarded as follows; on Wheels there were 55 Gold, 43 Silver and 27 Bronze. On Snow there were 33 Gold, 21 Silver and 9 Bronze. Bob Sencenbaugh made a Motion to accept, Second by Valarie Thawley, MSP.

Grievance - Sean Hammell submitted a written report. He did have 1 submitted grievance against Region 9 organizers for a pull on November 26-27<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The grievance was outlined as inconsistent Judging, poor track side manner and handler disqualification. In brief, several rule item's to be discussed under new business as possible rule changes/clarifications. The \$20 grievance fee was refunded as the proper procedure for filing a grievance was not followed. Sean suggested perhaps the grievance procedure should be a topic for a newsletter article and the procedure also placed on the web site. Brenda suggested judges remind everyone during handler meetings of the complaint form available for them to fill out immediately and also available on the web site. Valarie Thawley made a Motion to accept, Second by Susan Gallagher, MSP.

Personnel - Brenda Lemon provided a written report indicating she had nothing to report. Sheryl Franklin made a motion to accept, Second by Bob Sencenbaugh, MSP.

Championship - Valarie Thawley submitted a written report. Valarie acknowledged and thanked Marcia Ezell for being the Organizer/Host for Championship. There were 54 dogs pulled at the Snow Championship and 61 dogs pulled at the Wheels Championship. The wheel tracks seemed fairly level which proved to be great as 3 records were broken. Valarie acknowledged the record breakers to be; Ray Slish and his St Bernard "Bastian". They broke a 22 year standing record in the Unlimited Class by pulling 5630 pounds. That's 628 pounds over the old record. The other two record breakers were Chris Stock and "Kong" in the 125 pound class pulling 4370 pounds (190 pounds over the old record) and Debbie Lee with "Delbert" in the 150 pound class pulling 4475 pounds (55 pounds over the old record). Congrats to all! There were many personal bests made also. Valarie recapped the events in chronological order. The following are brief notes of the events. Valarie said the presentation of all Championship medals were all done at the end of the day. This worked out really well and allowed everyone to take pictures and cheer on all the winners. Rodney and Cheryl Martin donated two day combined trophies, one for over 80 pounds and one for 80 pounds and under. Tammy Bristol and Deagan (Region 5) won the over 80 pound trophy. Shea-la Gatz and Krueger (Region 9) won the under 80 pound trophy. Marcia Ezell designed the T-Shirt and Sweatshirts as

well as other tasks. Valarie mentioned the young men who worked the carts. A Tip Jar was set up for the cart help. George indicated the guys truly appreciated it as they drove a long distance to help out and are not members of the IWPA. The IWPA donated \$2338 to Operation Dog Tag and a check was presented to Joe Scheffer. Joe was shocked at the amount and was very emotional for the generosity, and was deeply sorry he wasn't able to attend the Championship. The Membership meeting and Awards Banquet were well attended and meals were good. Sheryl Franklin made a Motion to accept the report as written, Second by Sean Hammell, MSP.

Newsletter - Robbie Reed provided a written report. Robbie advised in averaging the cost of printing and postage for each hard copy newsletter mailed out for the season, that cost per membership was \$42.46. This only includes the Newsletter printing and postage and does not include any other expenses such as printing out the Constitution and Pulling Rules plus postage for each membership which the Membership Chair mails out. Robbie added again this year there were several membership e-mails that were incorrect and she had to contact the members for the correct e-mail addresses. This is due in part to deciphering hand writing and also e-mail address changes. As always, the problem with formatting the Pull Results into the program for the newsletter. This is due to the Word program having set formatting and does not convert over into Publisher. Bob Sencenbaugh made a Motion to accept the report, Second by Sean Hammell, MSP.

Region Coordinator - Susan Gallagher advised she had no communication good or bad from any Region Rep so assumes there were no issues. Robbie Reed advised she had sent her a Region 9 Meeting Minutes. Susan stated she did not receive anything. Perhaps the e-mail went to Susan's old e-mail address. Sheryl Franklin made a motion to accept the report, Second by Bob Sencenbaugh, MSP.

Statistician - Sue Ferrari submitted a written report and it was presented by George Ferrari. Most checks were sent to Sue, then sent on to Treasurer Cheryl Martin. Some checks were sent to the Membership (Chair) and Judges (Chair). Region 11 didn't send Judges Report to Bob Sencenbaugh. So Bob had to call and ask for the report. Some organizers used the Electronic forms to submit which made it easier to read the results. Motion made by Bob Sencenbaugh to accept the report, Second by Valarie Thawley, MSP.

Web Master - Sheryl Franklin submitted a written report. In brief the FAQ seems to help with questions asked. Sheryl would get correction questions and would CC the e-mails to Sue Ferrari. Sheryl added she collects photos from Facebook with permission to post on the web site and does get a few submitted to her. Sheryl provided a print out of the most visited pages for September, January and March; which were the upcoming events, then about us, equipment and championships. Motion made by Bob Sencenbaugh to accept report, Second by Susan Gallagher, MSP.

Web site inquiry - Sean Hammell received 32 emails, most questions about how to get started, becoming a judge and the apprenticeship information. He suggests to the person to contact their region reps and provides contact information for organizers in their area. Sean added he hasn't seen any of these people actually get started yet. Motion made by Sheryl Franklin to accept report, Second by Brenda Lemon, MSP.

Hall of Fame - Robbie Reed submitted a written report. Robbie advised she received 3 submissions for Regional Hall of Fame which were presented at the Awards Banquet during the Championship. Those accepted were Brutus and Conan with owner Sean Hammell and Demond with owner Cheryl Martin. There were 6 applications for National Hall of Fame; those applicants are Bogie with owner Brenda Lemon and Valarie Thawley, Silver with owner Rodney Martin, Apollo with owner Terry Reed and Baxter with owner Robbie Reed. There were 2 applicants who



submitted for both National and International Inductions. There were 3 applicants for International Hall of Fame; those applicants are Stormie with owner Sue Ferrari, Sebastian with owner Sheryl Franklin and Woody with owner Chris Stock. The applications for National and International Hall of Fame will need to be voted upon under old business. Robbie questioned and wanted to confirm if dogs who earn or qualify for International Hall of Fame would not be eligible to also submit for National Hall of Fame. It was confirmed the National Hall of Fame is a standalone induction and not meant as a step. A dog is eligible for only National or International HOF not both. Robbie advised now after the fourth year completed since the birth of the Hall of Fame program, the IWPA has a total of 5 International Hall of Fame Inductees, 22 Regional Hall of Fame recipients and 4 National Hall of Fame applicants (pending voted into and inducted into the National Hall of Fame). Motion made by Cheryl Martin, Second by Brenda Lemon, MPS.

Working Dog - Susan Gallagher submitted a written report. Susan reported there were the following applications for Wheels; 11 Working Dog, 8 Working Dog Excellent and 7 Working Dog Superior. The following applications for Snow; 3 Working Dog and 1 Working Dog Excellent and no Working Dog Superior. The total titles submitted were 30. Motion made by Cheryl Martin to accept the report, Second by Sean Hammell, MSP.

### **Unfinished Business**

Newsletter - Robbie Reed discussed the cost of the Newsletter as outlined in her committee report and discussion about the fee for Membership. Bob Sencenbaugh made a Motion to leave the cost for Membership as is, Second by Susan Gallagher, MSP.

Hall of Fame - Robbie Reed advised of the induction applications for National Hall of Fame; Bogie with owner Brenda Lemon and Valarie Thawley, Silver with owner Rodney Martin, Apollo with owner Terry Reed and Baxter with owner Robbie Reed. There were 3 applicants for International Hall of Fame; those applicants are Stormie with owner Sue Ferrari, Sebastian with owner Sheryl Franklin and Woody with owner Chris Stock. Robbie reported she has validated and confirmed all applicants qualify for inductions. Susan Gallagher made a Motion for inductions for all National and International Hall of Fame applicants. Bob Sencenbaugh made the Second, MSP.

### **General Membership Meeting Topics**

Halti/Gentle Leader – Sean Hammell wanted to confirm a halti/gentle leader was okay to use. It was confirmed this would be an acceptable collar.

District Rotation for Championships - By-Law Section 8b (page 10) member Wendy Leister originally brought this subject up. Secretary Robbie Reed researched for when this came into effect. She discovered the District Alignment was originally set during the Board Meeting held in June 2011. The members placed on the committee were George Ferrari (West), David Gallagher (East), Rodney Martin (Mid-West) and Stephanie Pitz (Mid-East). Secretary Robbie Reed advised she had received an e-mail from Todd Sheehan in regard to the District Rotations; this e-mail presented to the board for review. It was discussed when the current rotation was created, fuel prices were extremely high. It was thought for traveling within the middle areas of the U.S. was more cost effective and enabled more attendance for members every 2 years. The district rotation is on a 6 year rotation basis and then starts over; beginning in the Western District. After discussion it was decided to move this topic on to new business for additional discussion and voting if needed.

Timeframe for Statistics being updated immediately - Member Donna Daymude (time frame should be established for corrections to be submitted). Susan Gallagher advised of a problem that was created this season as well as it being problematic for regional medalist and the invitations (to compete at Championships) that are to be mailed out in a timely manner. It was suggested to continue reiterating in the Newsletter the importance for members to watch the points for dog/s regularly and not just at the end of the season. And to notify any organizer and then the Statistician as soon as possible for corrections.

Nominations Committee not followed as written - Member Jennifer Berning questioned why this isn't followed as written in the Constitution. This topic was discussed. Robbie explained there was once a committee but the committee could only find minimal numbers of people, if any, to run for the board of directors. It was then asked for members who were interested to submit their bios. The Election Chair is the Nomination Committee Chair. Board Members should talk to people who they think would be good perspective board members and ask them if interested. All Board Members/Committee Chair persons are part of this committee. Add to New Business to address any needed changes.

Definitions missing for some board and committee positions in the Standing Rules Article II - Jennifer Berning. Secretary Robbie Reed advised there are some definitions missing. However, she knows some use to be listed and it is unknown when or why they were removed.

### **Other Old Business**

IRS/Not for Profit filing and PayPal set up - Treasurer Cheryl Martin advised that should be completed and available on July 1<sup>st</sup> (2017) for the new season.

Electronic board meeting - Sean Hammell. Secretary Robbie Reed advised it was previously discussed of conducting board meetings via Skype, Google Meetings, etc. The difficulty in trying to conduct the meeting in this fashion is to insure continued connections to all Board Members/Committee Chairs "in attendance". It was also discussed the cost of conducting communications in such a way such as conference calling was too expensive.

Rule verifications - Sean Hammell

Training aids - discussed by the board. The Board offered a Resolution that choke chains/slip collars, gentle leaders and martingales may be worn by dogs during competition and are interpreted by the Board of Directors as acceptable collars.

Cart Tire Pressure - discussed no change needed.

Acceptable Carpet Surface - discussed no change needed.

Cart Handlers/Sled Marshalls at Championships - discussed no change needed. Bob Sencenbaugh suggested for the Championship Chair to advise during the handler meeting at Championships, to inform the sled marshals what their cue will be for the sled marshals to help the dog by pushing the cart so there is no question for them to help or not.

Collars for weigh in – tabled for new business.

Limit amount of times a dog can be weighed in - discussed no change needed. The dog should be allowed to weigh in numerous times if the owner/handler chooses to. However, the weigh ins need to be during the advertised weigh in time frame and the last weight will be the weight used for the dog if the owner/handler chooses to pull.

Breaking the cart from the line – After discussion this topic tabled for new business.

Secretary Robbie Reed advised she received a letter sent by Dan Plosila in reference to the February 19<sup>th</sup> (2017) Lake Placid Snow Pull (Second day). This pull was canceled due to inclement/extreme (dangerous/icy) weather. After much discussion it was decided to add this topic to new business and address wording on the back of the Sanctioning form and Standing Rules Article 8 Section 10 changing the word “may” to “will”.

Pulling Rules Section 4D; the word “shall” to be changed to the word “must” - Sue Ferrari submitted a letter to Secretary Robbie Reed for this wording to be reviewed and possibly changed. Topic tabled for new business.

Expectations of committee chairs assigned to jobs and understanding the job and time commitment for carrying out the job - Sue Ferrari suggested this be reviewed and asked of anyone accepting a position or committee chair position if they understand the commitment and job responsibility.

Secretary Robbie Reed advised Larry Williams has not returned the Championship medal for Hope as required. The original letter that was mailed to Larry Williams was read by Robbie. It is noted, within the letter it states if the medal was not returned he would be a member not in good standing. It is reiterated in the By-Laws Article I Section 3 that each application for membership may be approved or rejected by the Board of Directors. Applicants for membership who have been rejected by the Association may not re-apply within 6 months after such rejection.

Membership applications were passed out to all those present. All Board Members paid their membership fees/ submitted Membership Applications.

### **Election of Officers – Nominations**

President – George Ferrari and Sue Ferrari (George Ferrari winning)  
Vice President – Brenda Lemon (Brenda Lemon winning)  
Secretary – Robbie Reed (Robbie Reed winning)  
Treasurer – Cheryl Martin (Cheryl Martin winning)

### **New Business**

Roll Call - President George Ferrari (Second Year 1<sup>st</sup> Term), Secretary to the Board Robbie Reed, Treasurer to the Board Cheryl Martin, Sheryl Franklin (1<sup>st</sup> Year Second Term), Jean Wilson (1<sup>st</sup> Year 1<sup>st</sup> Term), Valarie Thawley (Second Year 1<sup>st</sup> Term), Brenda Lemon (Second Year 1<sup>st</sup> Term), Susan Gallagher (1<sup>st</sup> Year Second Term), Bob Sencenbaugh (Second Year 1<sup>st</sup> Term); absent Beverly Detwiler (Second Year Second Term) and Sue Ferrari (1<sup>st</sup> Year 1<sup>st</sup> Term). Also present visitor Sean Hammell.

Committee assignments as appointed by President George Ferrari and accepted by individuals –

Drug Testing Robbie Reed  
Membership Rodney Martin  
Sanctioning Sue Ferrari  
Judges Bob Sencenbaugh  
Elections Beverly Detwiler  
Animal Welfare/Education Sheryl Franklin  
Standing Rules Robbie Reed  
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Championship Valarie Thawley  
Newsletter Robbie Reed  
Regional Coordinator Susan Gallagher  
Statistician Sue Ferrari  
Web Master Sheryl Franklin  
Web Site Inquiry Brenda Lemon  
Hall of Fame Robbie Reed

Proposed Budget Cheryl Martin presented the Proposed Budget for 2017/2018 season. Motion made by Bob Sencenbaugh, Second by Jean Wilson, MSP.

From the General Membership Meeting

Halti/Gentle Leader collar - Bob to put in the Judges Renewal Form the Resolution by the Board of Directors and that the board interprets acceptable collars to include halite, martingale and choke collars/slip collars. ART III SECTION 8 C AND D Championship District Rotation - discussion of how it was originated. Robbie Reed explained the rotation is for 6 years not an 8 year cycle. After much discussion, the board decided to change the second bid option from being the next district. Instead, the board decided to create a set rotation and if the set District declines it will become an open bid for any District to submit and have the bid received by the Championship Chair by December 1st. Motion made by Bob Sencenbaugh, Second by Susan Gallagher, MSP.

(Valarie Thawley to submit an article for the August Newsletter explaining scheduled years/open bid. Scheduled District for 2017/2018 will be Mid-East, 2018/2019 will be Mid-West, 2019/2020 will be East, 2020/2021 will be Mid-West, and 2021/2022 will be Mid-East. Then start over with the 2022/2023 in the West, etc.

Time Frame for statistics to be updated - As usual it is the owners' responsibility to keep their dog's names consistent and points are updated ASAP, not at the end of the season.

Nomination Committee - Add to Article XI Section 1 a second sentence which reads, "Any member in good standing who is interested in serving on the Board of Directors may communicate that interest to the Elections Chair person, who is serving as the Chair of the Nominating committee. That information and a brief bio must be received by the election on or before November 15". Sheryl Franklin made a Motion to add this change, Second by Brenda Lemon, MSP.

Beverly to write an article for the Newsletter explaining how this type of nominations are accepted.

Definitions of missing job descriptions; Judges, Rules, Regional Coordinator, Animal Welfare Education, Drug Testing, Awards/Medals and International Representatives. Each current committee chair to work on presenting a definition to the Secretary for presenting to the Board of Directors for review/voting.

### **Forms Review**

Sanctioning form - the word "may" on the back side of form and Standing Rules Article 8 Section 10 be changed to "will". Motion made by Jean Wilson, Second Sheryl Franklin, MSP.

All forms reviewed and changes made to the Working Dog Degree Application, Hall of Fame Application, Informa-

tion Flyer, Judges Renewal and Championship Host Application as noted on all forms. Motion made by Susan Gallagher to accept noted changes of all forms, Second by Jean Wilson, MSP.

### **Additional New Business**

Breaking the cart or cart placed on the start line; discussed at length no change needed.

Change Pulling Rules Section 4 (d) change all the words "shall" to "must" (4 of them). Motion made by Sheryl Franklin, Second by Valarie Thawley, MSP.

Debbie Lee letter discussed. Jean Wilson to compile a history of records broken. Sheryl Franklin to add a link to the web site showing records broken.

Susan Gallagher presented a written list of suggested add on agenda items - after review Susan indicated she was content with earlier discussions for topics on her list and was satisfied so no changes were needed.

Jean Wilson stated Donna Libbey sent her a request asking about changes to the handicap rule and if that had happened. The rule is in Standing Rules, Article 1 Section 1 was changed at the last Board Meeting.

The board discussed the date and location of the next Board Meeting and picked June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in St. Louis, MO.

Animal Welfare/Education Chair Sheryl Franklin will compose an article about K9 Influenza.

Robbie Reed presented the idea of adding medals for Hall of Fame recipients/inductees. The board discussed adding a Hall of Fame Medal in the shape and size of a 3.5" X 4.5" oval. Gold medal for International Hall of Fame, Silver for National Hall of Fame and Bronze for Regional Hall of Fame. Treasurer Cheryl Martin indicated the club had enough money to purchase this initial expense. Sheryl Franklin made a Motion to purchase 50 Bronze Regional Hall of Fame medals, 25 National Hall of Fame medals and 25 International Hall of Fame medals in the oval shape and size of 3.5" X 4.5". This number ordered will qualify for an added price break for the cost of the medals, Second by Brenda Lemon, MSP.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Sencenbaugh, Second by Susan Gallagher, MSP. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.



# PULL CALENDAR

September 2 - 3, 2017

## 18th Annual Lake Placid Weight Pull

Region: 5 Lake Placid, New York (5514 Cascade Rd (Route 73))

Wheels : Sat 9/2/2017 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 11:00 AM  
Wheels : Sun 9/3/2017 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- Pull Start: 9:30 AM

Fees: \$15 first dog, \$10 ea additional

Contacts: Daniel Plosila, 518-891-4413

Chief Judge: Steve Jackson, 717-487-2941 [WendyL3@comcast.net]

Prizes: Ribbons 1st-4th, rosettes and prizes top wt. & top % pulled

Novice Info: Novice clinic on Saturday after the sanctioned pull. \$5 per dog

Comments:

Sponsors: North Elba Park District

Lodging:

Directions:



September 9 - 10, 2017

## Season Opener

Region: 6 Petoskey, Michigan (420 N Ellsworth Road)

Wheels : Sat 9/9/2017 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM Pull Start: 10:30 AM  
Wheels : Sun 9/10/2017 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM Pull Start: 10:30 AM

Fees: \$15 first dog, \$10 ea additional

Contacts: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]

Chief Judge: Jean Wilson, 231-881-4094 [teamnewf@gmail.com]

Prizes: Medals, MWP and MWPP weekend combined awards

Novice Info:

Comments:

Sponsors:

Lodging:

Directions:

January 6 - 7, 2018

## 8th Annual Canine Snowfest Pull

Region: 5 Lake Placid, New York (5514 Cascade Rd (Route 73))

Snow : Sat 1/6/2018 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 11:00 AM  
Snow : Sun 1/7/2018 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- Pull Start: 9:30 AM

Fees: \$15 first dog, \$10 ea additional

Contacts: Daniel Plosila, 518-891-4413

Chief Judge: Steve Jackson, 717-487-2941 [WendyL3@comcast.net]

Prizes: Ribbons 1st-4th, rosettes and prizes top wt & top %

Novice Info: Novice clinic on Saturday after the sanctioned pull. \$5 per dog

Comments:

Sponsors: North Elba Park District, Saranac Samoyeds

Lodging:

Directions:

January 27 - 28, 2018

## 12th Annual Adirondack Snow Pull

Region: 5 Lake Placid, New York (5514 Cascade Rd (Route 73))

Snow : Sat 1/27/2018 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 11:00 AM  
Snow : Sun 1/28/2018 Weigh-in: 8:00 AM -- Pull Start: 9:30 AM

Fees: \$15 first dog, \$10 ea additional

Contacts: Daniel Plosila, 518-891-4413

Chief Judge: Steve Jackson, 717-487-2941 [WendyL3@comcast.net]

Prizes: Ribbons 1st-4th, rosettes and prizes for most wt & top % pulled

Novice Info: Novice clinic on Saturday after the sanctioned pull. \$5 per dog

Comments:

Sponsors: North Elba Park District

Lodging:

Directions:

February 3 - 4, 2018

## Annual Tug Hill Challenge

Region: 5 Lorraine, New York (CCC. Winona State Forest)

Snow : Sat 2/3/2018 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 9:30 AM

Snow : Sun 2/4/2018 Weigh-in: 9:00 AM -- Pull Start: 9:30 AM

Fees: \$15 per dog (no discount this year)

Contacts: Diane Geitzenauer, 908-475-5447 [sambits@juno.com]

Chief Judge: Steve Jackson, 717-487-2941 [WendyL3@comcast.net]

Prizes: Ribbons, rosettes and cash

Novice Info: Novice pull on Saturday only for \$5 per entry

Comments: Please join us for a crock pot dinner at the Mountain Brook Lodge in Wilmington, NY on the Saturday night at 6pm. Bring something to share. YOU MUST CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOGS! PLEASE!!!

Sponsors:

Lodging:

Directions:



# Mark Your Calendar

»» UPCOMING EVENTS

New Member

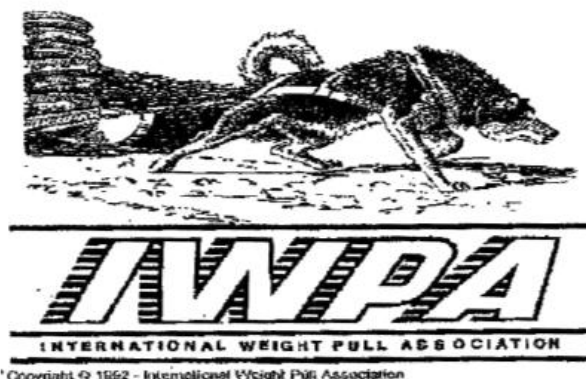
Hard Copy of Newsletter

Renewing Member

Electronic PDF Newsletter

\$5.00 Discount for memberships paid between July 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>.

\$5.00 Discount for PDF Newsletter.



## Application for Membership

**(Please print clearly in black ink)**

DUES MUST BE PAID IN U.S. CURRENCY. Both Discounts may apply.

<b>INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP</b> (An individual membership consist of one adult 18 years and older at the start of the pull season).			
Name		Date of Birth	
<b>\$40.00</b>	Paid by check number	Paid by cash	

<b>FAMILY MEMBERSHIP</b> (A family unit consisting of not more than 2 adult members and the minor children of the adult/s at the start of the pull season).			
Name of Primary Adult		Date of Birth	
Spouse/Significant Other		Date of Birth	
Child/ren		Date of Birth	
		Date of Birth	
<b>\$45.00</b>	Paid by check number	Paid by cash	

<b>JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP</b> (A member under the age of 18 at the start of the pull season, and has a sponsor who is a member of the IWPA in good standings.)			
Name		Date of Birth	
Sponsor's Name		Sponsor's Signature	
<b>\$40.00</b>	Paid by check number	Paid by cash	

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

For returned checks the *IWPA* will charge the check writer for cost incurred or a MINIMUM of \$25.00

**Please submit Application with fees (make checks payable to the *IWPA*, do not mail cash) to:**

Rodney Martin  
Membership Chair  
3407 17<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Evans, CO 80620 USA  
[E-mail: M5MKennel@aol.com](mailto:M5MKennel@aol.com)

**Membership Agreement: Abusive or inhumane treatment of a dog shall be strictly prohibited and shall be cause for disqualification. I consent that unannounced random drug testing of any or all dogs can occur at the approval of the IWPA Board of Directors.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
06/17 RR



**INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION  
WEIGHT PULL SANCTIONING APPLICATION**

(ALL BLANKS MUST BE FILLED IN)

Sanctioned Pull \_\_\_ Other (Novice, Fun, Etc.) \_\_\_ Wheels \_\_\_ or Snow \_\_\_

Pull will be run – Class by Class \_\_\_ or Concurrent \_\_\_ or Combined Classes \_\_\_

Title of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address of Event \_\_\_\_\_

City and State/Prov. Of Event \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Organizer (person responsible for event) \_\_\_\_\_

Organizer Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

City and State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event \_\_\_\_\_ Weigh in Time \_\_\_\_\_ Start Time \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Purse/Prizes \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event \_\_\_\_\_ Weigh in Time \_\_\_\_\_ Start Time \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Purse/Prizes \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Name of required I.W.P.A. member \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chief Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to receive the Sanctioning Packet electronically put an 'X' in this box.

Please included your email address: \_\_\_\_\_



Send application plus fees to sanctioning director:

**Sue Ferrari**  
807 Ghormley Rd  
Yakima, WA 98908

Phone 509-966-1133  
Fax 509-972-2070  
E-mail [ferrari1133@msn.com](mailto:ferrari1133@msn.com)

**\$35.00 Per Sanctioned Pull (U.S. Funds Only)**

**\$25.00 Per Other Pull (U.S. Funds Only) (NSF Check fee will be cost incurred or a minimum of \$25.00)**

**This application can not be processed without the signature of the organizer regarding the reading and understanding of the Sanctioning Rules printed on the reverse.**

Signature of Pull Organizer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For the use of the Sanctioning Director**

Date this application received \_\_\_\_\_ Date and amount of Sanctioning Fees received \_\_\_\_\_

Date Sanctioning approved/rejected \_\_\_\_\_ Date information sent to Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

Date notice of approval and sanctioning packet or rejection (must include explanation of rejection) sent to

Organizer \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sanctioning fees sent to treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Date postmarked \_\_\_\_\_

## INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION WEIGHT PULL STANDING RULES ON SANCTIONING

### In order for your pull to be sanctioned and to count for points.

Any organization who wishes to put on a pull approved by the I.W.P.A. shall require the organizer or any of the officials to have an I.W.P.A. membership and use I.W.P.A. weight pull rules which include having an I.W.P.A. certified and approved judge.

A sanctioning application must be filled out by the organizer and delivered into the hands of the I.W.P.A. sanctioning director no later than the 15th of the month preceding the month in which the event is to take place, provided the event is scheduled between the 15th through the end of any given month. Pulls scheduled from the 1st through the 14th of any month must be received no later than the 15th of the month two months prior to the weight pull event. For example, an event scheduled for December 7th must be received no later than October 15th, an event scheduled for December 28th must be received no later than November 15th. No exceptions to this rule will be made!! It is the organizer's responsibility to ascertain if this application has been received by the Sanctioning Director.

Newsletter pull calendar information is taken from the sanctioning application; therefore, ALL questions must be answered. It may be considered false advertising for any organizer to falsify or fail to follow the information provided on the sanctioning request. False advertising will be grounds for placing the organizer on probationary sanctioning status.

The following list of information from your weight pull must be sent to the **Sanctioning Director** with a postmark no later than 7 days after the last day of your pull:

1. Weight Pull finish report
2. Organizer's report
3. Financial report with ALL monies due the IWPA for the \$5.00 per dog fee. For pulls held in Canada \$5.00 are payable in U.S. funds only. (Motion6/07)
4. All regular and provisional membership monies received at your pull with completed membership forms must be sent to the **Membership Director** with a postmark no later than 7 days after the last day of your pull. New members are to be given the membership receipt included in your packet as proof of membership until their card is sent to them.
5. Send **Judge's Reports and Handlers Meeting Registration** to the **Judge Chairperson**  
(The penalty for failure to meet the 7 day postmark requirement will result in a fine of not less than \$20.00 and \$5.00 per day for each day after 6 days that the pull results are not postmarked. Failure to pay a fine may result in loss of sanctioning and/or points). Exception—Organizers of pulls held the last two weeks of the season are required to submit finish reports to the sanctioning director and FAX or OVERNIGHT their finish report, finance report, and organizer report to the statistician within one working day. (5/98)

Any grievances by an organizer or judge should be in writing, postmarked no later than 72 hours after the end of the weight pull event, and sent to the Sanctioning Director who will present the written grievance(s) to the I.W.P.A. Board of Directors within two weeks of the receipt of the grievance, for deliberation.

Sanctioning applications that do not include the sanctioning fees will not be accepted. Exception-When faxing application a copy of the check/money order for sanctioning fees must be faxed with the application. The original application and check/money order for sanctioning fees must be postmarked within one working day of the fax. The original application and payment for sanctioning fees must be received by the sanctioning director no less than one week prior to the event or the sanctioning may be canceled.

Organizers of events which have had sanctioning suspended after the pull will be required to mail a reimbursement to all entrants of the \$5.00 per dog fee. This reimbursement must be mailed within 72 hours of the receipt of written notice by the Sanctioning Director of suspended sanctioning. (Failure to reimburse funds when sanctioning has been suspended may mean loss of future sanctioning of event by the organizer)

The Board of Directors may not make a decision on sanctioning a pull but will make a decision regarding any grievance filed in regard to sanctioning.

If the Sanctioning on a pull is refused or the sanctioning is withdrawn from a pull, the sanctioning director will notify the organizer in writing within 2 days. A phone call or fax is a courtesy but the "in writing" is a requirement.

Cancellations of a pull will be accepted with no penalty as long as there is ample time to report the cancellation in the newsletter with the same deadlines as for sanctioning a pull. If these deadlines are not met, the organizer shall (at their own expense) send out postcards to all members to notify them of the cancellation. If this is not one, an organizer **will** be subject to loss of sanctioning fees. (06/17) There will be no provisions for "Rain Dates". I have read and understand the above rules regarding sanctioning.

Signature of Organizer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# AUGUST BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	PROPOSED	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Membership	6,200.00													0.00
Sanctioning	5,400.00													0.00
3.00 per dog	6,200.00													0.00
Judge Certification	500.00													0.00
Ads/Promo	175.00													0.00
Working Dog	300.00													0.00
\$1.00/dog drug test	1,800.00													0.00
\$1.00/dog travel	1,800.00													0.00
Transfers	0.00													0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>22,375.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>														
Newsletter stipend	1,000.00													0.00
Newsletter	1,000.00		100.00											100.00
Treasurer	1,200.00	100.00	100.00											200.00
Statistician	1,200.00	100.00	100.00											200.00
Sanctioning	1,300.00	100.00	100.00											200.00
Webmaster	1,200.00	100.00	100.00											200.00
Website	200.00		14.95											14.95
Postage	600.00													0.00
Expenses	175.00													0.00
Board Conf Call	0.00													0.00
Board Meet Travel	3,500.00													0.00
Board Meeting	600.00													0.00
Membership	500.00	158.44												158.44
Regional Reps	100.00													0.00
Medal/Awards	2,250.00													0.00
Awards Mailing	275.00	126.47												126.47
Hall of Fame	200.00													0.00
President	200.00													0.00
Vice-President	50.00													0.00
Board Secretary	100.00	100.68												100.68
Board Members	100.00													0.00
Rules	300.00													0.00
Judge Chair	100.00													0.00
Elections	200.00													0.00
Championship Travel	1,800.00													0.00
Championship Chair	500.00													0.00
Champion Judges	1,500.00													0.00
Drug Testing	1,800.00													0.00
Working Dog	200.00													0.00
Insurance	625.00	625.00												625.00
Bank-fees checking	50.00	2.00												2.00
Bank-fees savings	0.00													0.00
Champion apparral	500.00													0.00
Returned Checks	0.00													0.00
Board Equipment	50.00													0.00
Promotions	0.00													0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>22,375.00</b>	<b>1,412.59</b>	<b>514.95</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,927.54</b>
Beginning Bank Balance														20,615.80
Ending Bank Balance														18,688.26
Savings Acct + Interest	7,756.09													7,756.09



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