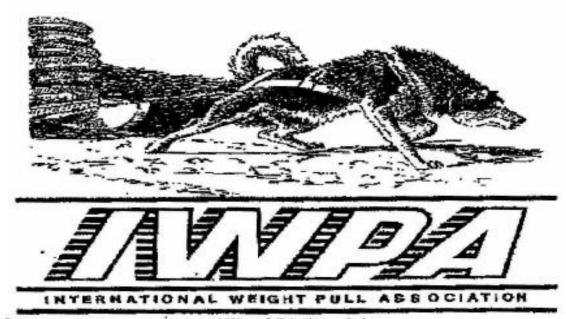
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT George Ferrari

Well another great job region #6, Championships were amazing. The Gerke family & friends out did themselves. Everything went well and a few new records were set. Competition was fierce both days with professional handling and judging. The members should proud of this organization.

Congratulations to all who attended and competed.

Have a safe summer and enjoy the off season.

Our dogs were glad to see their swimming pools after the long drive to Michigan and back.

Well off to the board meeting in June.

#### George



IWPA International, National and Regional Hall of Fame medals.



## FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD Robbie Reed

The 2018 Board of Directors Meeting will be held on June 9th and 10th, 2018. It will be held at the Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport, located at 4505 Woodson Rd, St. Louis, MO 63134. The telephone number to reserve a room is (314)427-4700. If you would like to attend and make a reservation, let them know you are with the "IWPA Group" to receive the group discount.

If you have something you wish to be brought up at the board meeting submit it to Secretary Robbie Reed via her email at Reedtr9@comcast.net. In the subject line write 2018 Board Meeting item.

Best Regards,

Robbie Reed Secretary to the Board



## FROM THE HALL OF FAME CHAIR Robbie Reed

I am very excited to announce the 2017-2018 Regional Hall of Fame recipients presented during the Awards Banquet on May5th, 2018. Those recipients are;

Prince I-Da Mack with Owner/Handler Terry Reed

Keisha with Owner/Handler Kari Hunyadi

Cinnabar with Owner/Handler Sheryl Franklin

I also had the privilege of introducing the first National Hall of Fame Inductees 2017-2018. Those recipients are;

Bogie with Owners/Handlers Brenda Lemon and Valarie Thawley

Silver with Owner/Handler Rodney Martin

Prince Apollo with Owner/Handler Terry Reed

Baron Baxter with Owner/Handler Robbie Reed

Lastly, I had the honor of introducing the 2016-2017 Hall of Fame International Hall of Fame Inductees. Those recipients are;

Stormie with Owner/Handler Sue Ferrari

Sebastian with Owner/Handler Sheryl Franklin

Woody with Owner/Handler Chris Stock

I also presented HOF medals to all past and present HOF recipients. What a tearful and joyous presentation!

Congratulations to all Regional, National and International HOF recipients for their achievements!!!

Robbie Reed

**HOF Chair** 



### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

#### 2017/2018 IWPA Championships - The Mitten Adventure

Grand Rapids, Michigan (2550 Patterson Ave SE)

Pull: 118 -- Organizer(s): Gerke, Carol

Track:

Wheel on Carpet Region: 6

Date:05-May-2018

Weather:

Day 1 of 2

### Chief Judge: Wendy Leister 10 # Class (1 thru 10 pounds)

Judged by Steve Jackson 55# Start weight, 18# Increment, Cart weighs 55# George Ferrari also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled Time	Wt % Score Handler	Breed
Chewy	7	307 12.66	9 34.11 0.0 Carol Dodds	Poodle
Monarch Joseph	9	127 8.59	10 12.70 0.0 Robbie Reed	Mixed
Baron Benjamin	9	91 13.22	10 9.10 0.0 Robbie Reed	Mixed
-		<b>20 # Class</b>	(11 thru 20 pounds)	

Judged by Cheryl Martin 83# Start weight, 26# Increment, Cart weighs 83# Jean Wilson also judged

Pulled Time % Score Handler **Breed** Dog Wt Destiny 1045 14.06 20 52.25 0.0 Philip Beauvais Am. Pit Bull Terrier Ripper 369 20.21 17 21.71 0.0 Diane Krupski Patterdale Terrier 6 7 0.0 Melissa Kehler Felix 317 15.81 16 19.81 Terrier 9 Princess Bekah 265 13.65 18 14.72 0.0 Terence Reed Boston Bull Terrier Rebel Rose 7 187 9.82 20 9.35 0.0 Melissa Kehler Mixed Tinker 0 0.00 14 0.000.0 David Heffelfinger Cairn Terrier

#### 40 # Class (21 thru 40 pounds)

Judged by Bob Sencenbaugh 379# Start weight, 144# Increment, Cart weighs 379# Todd Sheehan also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	<b>%</b>	Score Handler	<b>Breed</b>
Amara	8	1243	19.65	38	32.71	0.0 Clay Fonvielle	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Raven	5	1243	40.32	37	33.59	0.0 Timothy Goodell	Staffordshire Bull
Honeysuckle	9	1099	19.18	38	28.92	0.0 Rodney Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Bobber	7	811	10.00	34	23.85	0.0 Melissa Kehler	Staffordshire Bull
Cinder	2	811	12.62	33	24.58	0.0 George Ferrari	Australian Cattle Dog
Mist	5	667	8.72	39	17.10	0.0 Wendy Leister	Alaskan Husky
Dew	5	667	26.01	36	18.53	0.0 Steve Jackson	Alaskan Husky
Lexis	9	667	60.00	38	17.55	0.0 Cheryl Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Daffodil	9	379	5.87	35	10.83	0.0 Cheryl Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Roscoe	6	379	29.08	30	12.63	0.0 Donna Libbey	Mixed
		CO 1		144		(0 1)	

#### 60 # Class (41 thru 60 pounds)

Judged by Diane Geitzenauer

451# Start weight, 180# Increment, Cart weighs 451#

Brenda Lemon also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	<b>%</b>	Score	Handler	Breed
Halo	6	1531	25.18	55	27.84	0.0	Wendy Lake	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Mole	5	1351	13.28	55	24.56	0.0	Wendy Leister	Alaskan Husky
Hurricane Clyde	6	1351	13.31	55	24.56	0.0	Carol Gerke	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Junior	5	1171	11.31	55	21.29	0.0	Steve Jackson	Mixed
Zapper	2	1171	24.06	56	20.91	0.0	George Ferrari	Siberian Husky
Captain	6	991	10.56	53	18.70	0.0	Marie Zimmerman	Siberian Husky
Molly	9	991	11.97	45	22.02	0.0	Rochelle Wacker	Mixed
Tog "The Terrible"	9	451	5.62	45	10.02	0.0	Rodney Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Rayne	9	451	11.75	60	7.52	0.0	Jennifer Berning	Boxer

Chief	9	0 0.00		0.0 Cheryl Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
			(61 thru 80		
			Judged by George I	Ferrari nt, Cart weighs 595#	
		J95# Start Wet	yni, 200# incremer Vendy Leister also	u, Cari weigns 333# judged	
Dog	Reg	Pulled Time		eore Handler	Breed
Sky	9	2323 12.41		0.0 Chris Stock	Am. Bull Dog
Tyson	6	2323 15.09		0.0 Ted Gerke	Boxer
Dahteste	9	2035 10.75		0.0 Marlo Wacker	Am. Bull Dog
Osy	8	2035 16.06		0.0 Clay Fonvielle	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Milo	5	1747 10.66		0.0 Todd Sheehan	Alaskan Malamute
Ski	5	1747 10.97		0.0 Todd Sheehan	Alaskan Malamute
Bobby	5	1747 11.69		0.0 Todd Sheehan	Alaskan Malamute
Mug	5	1459 9.66		0.0 Kari Hunyadi	Siberian Husky
Duchess	9	1459 13.18 1459 17.91		0.0 Jacob Hernandez 0.0 Steven Gatzow	Am. Bull Dog
Snowie JD	4 6	1459 17.91		0.0 Steven Gatzow 0.0 Ted Gerke	Siberian Husky Mixed
Fat Boy	7	1171 7.37		0.0 David Heffelfinger	Am. Bull Dog
Hercules	11	883 6.84		0.0 Charles Collins	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Luzie Lue	4	883 9.09		0.0 Steven Gatzow	Siberian Husky
Luzic Luc	7		ss (81 thru 1		Siberian Husky
		100 # Clas	Judged by Debbie		
		681# Start wei		nt, Cart weighs 681#	
			Sue Ferrari also ji		
<b>Dog</b>	Reg	Pulled Time		core Handler	Breed
Sunny	5	2241 13.18		0.0 Todd Sheehan	Alaskan Malamute
Angus	6	1981 7.68		0.0 Ted Gerke	Am. Bull Dog
Tidus Navi	9	1721 10.09 1721 19.56		0.0 Jennifer Berning 0.0 Michelle Podolak	Mixed
	4 11	1721 19.56 1721 20.84		0.0 Dana Hounsell	Alaskan Malamute Gr. Swiss Mtn. Dog
Liberty	5	1721 20.84			Grman Shepherd
Daegan				0.0 Tammy Bristol 0.0 Jenna Star-Farling	-
Xena Blizzard	11 4	1721 63.00 1461 10.91		0.0 Steven Gatzow	Gr. Swiss Mtn. Dog Siberian Husky
Rugged	9	1461 22.23		0.0 Mary Hernandez	Rottweiler
Diesel	6	1201 12.44		0.0 Ted Gerke	German Wire Hair
Han Solo	11	1201 12.44		0.0 Valarie Thawley	Alaskan Malamute
Tun 5010	11			125 pounds)	Thuskin Malaniate
			dged by Bob Sence		
		785# Start wei	ght, 260# Incremer	nt, Cart weighs 785#	
Dag	D		everly Detwiler also		Bund
Dog Vang	Reg	<b>Pulled Time</b> 2865 17.63		eore Handler 0.0 Chris Stock	<b>Breed</b> Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Kong River	9 5	2605 10.56		0.0 Lonna Goodell	Mixed
Ruckus	<i>3</i> 7	2605 44.94		0.0 Carol Dodds	Saint Bernard
Yeti	7	2345 18.62		0.0 Caror Dodds 0.0 Debbie Lee	Belgian Malinois
Xander	5	2345 34.03		0.0 Timothy Goodell	Mixed
Ngata	11	2085 15.03		0.0 Jenna Star-Farling	Gr. Swiss Mtn. Dog
Princess Rahab	9	2085 49.35		0.0 Terence Reed	Dogue De Bordeaux
Boomer	9	1825 8.28		0.0 Chris Stock	Mixed
Tornado	2	1825 23.72		0.0 George Ferrari	Alaskan Malamute
Logan	11	1565 17.32		0.0 Charles Collins	Mixed
Niketa Joy	6	1045 6.47		0.0 Donna Libbey	Mixed
Ziggy	4	785 6.69		0.0 Michelle Podolak	Alaskan Malamute
Dezzy	11	23 18.87		0.0 Jenna Star-Farling	Gr. Swiss Mtn. Dog
, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	-			150 pounds)	
			dged by Diane Gei		
		785# Start wei	ght, 286# Incremer	nt, Cart weighs 785#	
Dog	Dag		Rrenda Lemon also		Breed
<b>Dog</b> Prince Mufasa	<b>Reg</b> 9	<b>Pulled Time</b> 1929 11.44		eore Handler 0.0 Terence Reed	Dogue De Bordeaux
1 mice mulasa	,	1727 11.77	120 13.31	o.o referee Recu	Dogue De Bordeaux

Brody	6	1643	5.53 145	11.33	0.0 Jean Wilson	Newfoundland
Micky	6	1643 48	3.59 131	12.54	0.0 Jean Wilson	Newfoundland
Lilly	7	1357	5.41 133	10.20	0.0 David Heffelfinger	Saint Bernard
Cisco	9	1357 8	3.06 127	10.69	0.0 Mary Hernandez	Rottweiler
Hurricane Allie	2	1357	9.81 127	10.69	0.0 Sue Ferrari	Alaskan Malamute
		Unlim	ited Cla	ss (ove	r 150 pounds)	
					eitzenauer	
		1357# St			nent, Cart weighs 785#	
			Brenda	Lemon als	o judged	
Dog	Reg	Pulled 1	Time Wt	% 3	Score Handler	Breed
Delbert	7	2215 21	1.41 161	13.76	0.0 Debbie Lee	Alaskan Malamute

#### 2017/2018 IWPA Championships - The Mitten Adventure Grand Rapids, Michigan (2550 Patterson Ave SE)

Pull: 119 Organizer(s): Gerke, Carol	Snow on Artificial Region: 6
Track:	Date:06-May-2018
Weather:	Day 2 of 2

#### Chief Judge: Wendy Leister **10 # Class (1 thru 10 pounds)**

Judged by George Ferrari 13# Start weight, 13# Increment, Cart weighs 13# Steve Jackson also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	<b>%</b>	Score Handler	Breed
Chewy	7	90	6.16	9	10.00	0.0 Carol Dodds	Poodle
Monarch Joseph	9	51	7.50	10	5.10	0.0 Robbie Reed	Mixed
Baron Benjamin	9	38	44.91	10	3.80	0.0 Robbie Reed	Mixed
-		20 #	Class	(11	thru 2	20 pounds)	

Judged by Cheryl Martin 24# Start weight, 26# Increment, Cart weighs 24#

Jean Wilson also judged Reg Pulled Time Wt % Score Handler **Breed** 

Dog	Reg	<b>Pulled</b>	Time	Wt	<b>%</b>	Score Handler	Breed
Princess Bekah	9	206	7.59	18	11.44	0.0 Terence Reed	Boston Bull Terrier
Ripper	6	180	6.59	17	10.59	0.0 Diane Krupski	Patterdale Terrier
Yetta	6	102	5.90	14	7.29	0.0 Diane Krupski	Min Pinscher
		40 #	Class	(21	thru 4	40 pounds)	

Judged by Bob Sencenbaugh 185# Start weight, 52# Increment, Cart weighs 185# Todd Sheehan also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled	Time	Wt	<b>%</b>	Score	Handler	Breed
Honeysuckle	9	861	11.49	38	22.66	0.0	Rodney Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Moxie	5	809	7.34	38	21.29	0.0	Kari Hunyadi	Siberian Husky
Cinder	2	809	10.80	33	24.52	0.0	George Ferrari	Australian Cattle Dog
Mist	5	705	8.08	39	18.08	0.0	Wendy Leister	Alaskan Husky
Lexis	9	705	9.90	38	18.55	0.0	Cheryl Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Piper	6	653	52.11	35	18.66	0.0	Wendy Lake	Patterdale Terrier
Breeze	5	601	52.10	37	16.24	0.0	Michele Izzo	Siberian Husky
Sunnidae	5	445	6.43	38	11.71	0.0	Diane Geitzenauer	Samoyed
Dew	5	289	19.22	36	8.03	0.0	Steve Jackson	Alaskan Husky
Daffodil	9	237	3.97	35	6.77	0.0	Cheryl Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
		CO 11		144	an .	<b>CO</b>	1 N	

**60 # Class (41 thru 60 pounds)** Judged by Diane Geitzenauer

185# Start weight, 78# Increment, Cart weighs 185# Brenda Lemon also judged

Dog	Reg	Pulled Time	Wt % Score Handler	Breed
Hurricane Clyde	6	1199 62.91	55 21.80 0.0 Carol Gerke	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Mole	5	1121 9.87	55 20.38 0.0 Wendy Leister	Alaskan Husky
Zapper	2	1121 25.28	56 20.02 0.0 George Ferrari	Siberian Husky
Molly	9	1121 41.34	45 24.91 0.0 Rochelle Wacker	Mixed
Junior	5	809 12.66	55 14.71 0.0 Steve Jackson	Mixed

Shiner	5	809 36.72	54	14.98	0.0 Michele Izzo	Mixed
Bucky	5	731 11.30	60	12.18	0.0 Merrilee Dantonio	Samoyed
Kori	6	497 11.09	56	8.88	0.0 Marie Zimmerman	Mixed
Chief	9	497 61.31	44	11.30	0.0 Rodney Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
Rayne	9	419 29.88	60	6.98	0.0 Aaron Berning	Boxer
Tog "The Terrible"	9	341 6.20	45	7.58	0.0 Rodney Martin	Norwegian Elkhound
		80 # Clas			80 pounds)	
		125# Start w		by Wend	ly Leister nent, Cart weighs 185#	
					lso judged	
Dog	Reg	Pulled Time	Wt	<b>%</b>	Score Handler	Breed
Scout	3	2161 45.90	79	27.35	0.0 Darwin Lumbattis	Mixed
Sky	9	2057 15.41	77	26.71	0.0 Chris Stock	Am. Bull Dog
Bobby	5	1745 11.91	77	22.66	0.0 Todd Sheehan	Alaskan Malamute
Tyson	6	1745 12.75	76 72	22.96	0.0 Ted Gerke	Boxer
JD Deliterte	6	1433 33.06	72	19.90	0.0 Ted Gerke	Mixed
Dahteste Drigtel	9	1225 6.22 1225 9.42	79	15.51 18.56	0.0 Marlo Wacker 0.0 Michele Izzo	Am. Bull Dog
Bristol Seth	5 5	1225 9.42	66 78	15.71	0.0 Todd Sheehan	Siberian Husky Alaskan Malamute
Mug	5	1121 8.01	67	16.73	0.0 Kari Hunyadi	Siberian Husky
Luzie Lue	4	1121 8.01	76	14.75	0.0 Steven Gatzow	Siberian Husky
Booth	5	1017 9.80	65	15.65	0.0 Kari Hunyadi	Alaskan Husky
Duchess	9	913 7.27	68	13.43	0.0 Jacob Hernandez	Am. Bull Dog
Snowie	4	913 20.91	77	11.86	0.0 Steven Gatzow	Siberian Husky
Hercules	11	705 13.41	79	8.92	0.0 Charles Collins	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
					100 pounds)	
			Judge	ed by Sue	Ferrari	
		234# Start w		)4# Incren e Lee also	nent, Cart weighs 234# o judged	
Dog	Reg	Pulled Time			Score Handler	Breed
Buster	4	1066 7.50	96	11.10	0.0 Marvin Stringfield	Am. Bull Dog
Sunny	5	962 8.50	94	10.23	0.0 Todd Sheehan	Alaskan Malamute
Angus	6	962 9.16	97	9.92	0.0 Ted Gerke	Am. Bull Dog
Dezzy	11	858 8.69	100	8.58	0.0 Jenna Star-Farling	Gr. Swiss Mtn. Dog
Tidus	9	858 10.09	95	9.03	0.0 Jennifer Berning	Mixed
Blizzard	4	858 11.17	91	9.43	0.0 Steven Gatzow	Siberian Husky
Liberty	11	858 15.47	94	9.13	0.0 Dana Hounsell	Gr. Swiss Mtn. Dog
Xena	11	858 20.25	98	8.76	0.0 Jenna Star-Farling	Gr. Swiss Mtn. Dog
Han Solo	11	754 24.75	83	9.08	0.0 Brenda Lemon	Alaskan Malamute
Boe	5	754 36.63	93	8.11	0.0 Michele Izzo	Alaskan Malamute
Rugged	9	650 9.81	91	7.14	0.0 Mary Hernandez	Rottweiler
Daegan Diesel	5	546 11.91 546 12.10	84 87	6.50 6.28	0.0 Tammy Bristol 0.0 Ted Gerke	German Shepherd German Wire Hair
Diesei	6					Octinan whe han
					u 125 pounds) y Detwiler	
		234# Start w	eight, 10	4# Incren	nent, Cart weighs 234#	
Dog	Pos	Pulled Time			also judged <b>Score Handler</b>	Breed
<b>Dog</b> Ruckus	<b>Reg</b> 7	1482 12.72	107	13.85	0.0 Carol Dodds	Saint Bernard
Kong	9	1275 8.12	125	10.20	0.0 Chris Stock	Am. Pit Bull Terrier
Yeti	7	1275 9.87	101	12.62	0.0 Debbie Lee	Belgian Malinois
Stormy	5	962 7.28	107	8.99	0.0 Michele Izzo	Alaskan Malamute
Logan	11	858 8.53	110	7.80	0.0 Charles Collins	Mixed
Princess Rahab	9	858 28.43	113	7.59	0.0 Terence Reed	Dogue De Bordeaux
Ngata	11	650 9.37	110	5.91	0.0 Jenna Star-Farling	Gr. Swiss Mtn. Dog
Boomer	9	546 4.87	117	4.67	0.0 Chris Stock	Mixed
Chinook	5	546 5.57	103	5.30	0.0 David Gallagher	Alaskan Malamute
Tornado	2	338 4.00	117	2.89	0.0 George Ferrari	Alaskan Malamute
Sampson	4	338 4.25	106	3.19	0.0 Marvin Stringfield	Am. Bull Dog
Niketa Joy	6	234 4.65	110	2.13	0.0 Donna Libbey	Mixed

		150				u 150 Geitzenat	pounds)	
		234#					rt weighs 234#	
						lso judge	Č .	
Dog	Reg	<b>Pulled</b>	Time	Wt	<b>%</b>	Score	Handler	Breed
Micky	6	962	10.28	131	7.34	0.0	Jean Wilson	Newfoundland
Brody	6	650	6.10	145	4.48	0.0	Jean Wilson	Newfoundland
Hurricane Allie	2	650	14.28	127	5.12	0.0	Sue Ferrari	Alaskan Malamute
Prince Mufasa	9	546	11.54	126	4.33	0.0	Terence Reed	Dogue De Bordeaux
Cisco	9	442	6.07	127	3.48	0.0	Mary Hernandez	Rottweiler
			Ju	dged by	Diane (	Geitzenat	<b>D pounds)</b> uer rt weighs 234#	
			В	renda L	emon al	lso judge	ed	
Dog	Reg	<b>Pulled</b>	Time	Wt	<b>%</b>	Score	Handler	Breed
Delbert	7	1586	17.16	161	9.85	0.0	Debbie Lee	Alaskan Malamute

#### Fun summertime activities with your dog

#### By Sheryl Franklin

Go for a swim. Take your dog to the lake and play fetch in the water. Some cities even have their own dedicated dog beaches and swim areas where you can let your dog off leash to frolic in the sand and water. Take your dog in the morning or late afternoon when it's not too hot outside.

Run through the sprinkler. If your dog's not a swimmer or if there's no lake close to you, a sprinkler is the next best thing. Revert back to your childhood and show your dog how it's done.

Try new dog sports (this list includes some, but not all dog sports):

- Dock Diving also known as Dock Jumping. Dock Diving is a dog sport in which dogs compete in jumping for distance or height from a dock into a body of water. Notable dock diving organizations are Dock Dogs, Splash Dogs and Ultimate Air Dogs. Another is North America Diving Dogs (NADD) is in cooperation with the AKC. NADD trials are pass or fail. As your dog achieves NADD titles, they can be added to the list of your dog's AKC titles.
- Agility is a dog sport in which a handler directs a dog through an obstacle course in a race for both time and accuracy. Dogs run off leash with no food or toys as incentives, and the handler can touch neither dog nor obstacles. Consequently, the handler's controls are limited to voice, movement, and various body signals, requiring exceptional training of the animal and coordination of the handler. U.S. Organizations: American Kennel Club (AKC), American Mixed Breed Obedience Registration (AMBOR), Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA), Canine Performance Events (CPE), Dogs on Course in North America (DOCNA), Just For Fun (JFF), North American Dog Agility Council (NADAC), North American Dog Racing Association (NADRA), Teacup Dogs Agility Association (TDAA), United Kennel Club (UKC), United States Dog Agility Association (USDAA). Canadian Organizations: Agility Association of Canada (AAC), Canadian Kennel Club (CKC)
- Flyball is a dog sport in which teams of dogs race against each other from a start/finish line, over a line of hurdles, to a box that releases a tennis ball to be caught when the dog presses the spring-loaded pad, then back to their handlers while carrying the ball. USA and Canada: North American Flyball Association (NAFA), United Flyball League International (U-FLI)
- Barn Hunt is a quickly growing dog sport catching fire across North America. Barn Hunt is based on the traditional roles of many breeds in ridding farms, barns, crop storage areas, and homes of destructive vermin. Some breeds were specifically created to fill this role, and for many of those breeds, Barn Hunt provides their first true opportunity for responsible breeders to test proper working traits in their dogs. Barn Hunt is also open to any dog of any breed or mix who wishes to play the game and can fit through an 18" wide by bale-height tall tunnel. Barn Hunt has titles, levels of increasing difficulty, and championships. Barn Hunt is an independent sport, but titles are recognized by the American Kennel Club (AKC) and the United Kennel Club (UKC). Beginning in January 2018, Barn Hunt titles will be recognized by the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC). Barn Hunt Association at this point in time is the main sanctioning organization.
- Disc dog is a dog sport where dogs and their human flying disc throwers compete in events such as distance catching and somewhat choreographed freestyle catching. The sport celebrates the bond between handler and dog, by allowing them to work together. Disc dog organizations: Skyhoundz, United States Disc Dog Nationals (USDDN), UFO World Cup Series, The Quadruped, UpDog Challenge, K9 Frisbee Toss & Fetch League, Flying Disc Dog Open (FDDO), Ashley Whippet.
- Carting is a dog sport or activity in which a dog (usually a large breed) pulls a dogcart filled with supplies, such as farm goods, camping equipment, groceries or firewood, but sometimes pulling people. AKC offers competitions and titles.
- Lure coursing is a sport for dogs that involves chasing a mechanically operated lure. Competition is typically limited to dogs of purebred sighthound breeds, although the AKC has a pass/fail trial for all breeds called the Coursing Ability Test (CAT). ASFA, AKC and FCI sanction lure course events.
- Canicross is the sport of cross country running with dogs, it is dog powered, so they are harnessed, attached to the human and run in a team. The human is the driver, directing the dog from behind with voice commands. Canicross not only is a great method to get a human and a canine fit but works the dog's mind and allows them to use their brain in a work mode. Originating in Europe as off-season training for the mushing (sledding) community, it has become popular as a stand-alone sport all over Europe, especially in the UK. The sport is also catching hold in North America.

When participating in anything with your dog in the heat, avoid the hottest times of the day, bring plenty of water (and a portable bowl) and don't overdo it. Watch your dog for signs of overexertion or heatstroke and make sure to take regular shade and water breaks. Most importantly, have fun!

#### General Membership Meeting – Grand Rapids, MI May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

President George Ferrari called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM EST.

President George Ferrari identified all attending Board Members who introduced themselves as well as Treasurer to the Board Cheryl Martin and Secretary to the Board Robbie Reed.

President George Ferrari explained this was the membership's opportunity to express concerns or achievements throughout the pull season. He asked for input from attending membership.

Kari Hunyadi asked about Hall of Fame recipients being updated on the web site. Secretary to the Board Robbie Reed advised she had emailed updates to Sheryl Franklin and was unsure if they had all been received by Sheryl Franklin due to email address issues. Robbie Reed to check with Sheryl Franklin to insure all updates have been received and posted on the web site.

Timothy Goodell questioned the dog breeds recognized and listed by the IWPA in pull results. Timothy provided background information he had obtained during research of a specific designer breed and had given this information to Secretary to the Board Robbie Reed. Statistician Sue Ferrari indicated the IWPA uses breeds recognized by AKC and UKC. Sue added when she originally took over the statistician position the breeds listed was enormous. This topic to be discussed at the board meeting.

Steve Gatzhow brought up travel distances some members have to travel to attend pulls and questioned why only 2 out of region point pulls are allowed. Steve specifically identified his dogs' points as an example. He felt it should be allowed to use all points earned.

Wendy Leister stated it is unfair for someone to go out of region to gain a lot of points to earn regional medals. She added she just wanted to present the other side of the topic.

Terry Reed provided historical information about how points were earned. Specifically, at the beginning, the IWPA did not have Championships and any top 5 pulls could be used. When the IWPA Championships began the current point system was adopted. Out of region pulls were limited to 2 to keep members from going to only to large pulls in or out of region to gain points for regional medals.

Marlo Wacker questioned why it took so long for Working Dog certificate and medals to be completed and awarded out. Marlo added she submitted Working Dog applications back in June 2017 and to date had not received them. She expressed her disappointment in not receiving them timely. President George Ferrari advised this issue was being addressed and there were several members identifying this same issue. He asked for patience during this transition and stated the certificates and medals should be delivered soon. The position has been re-assigned to Jennifer Berning who had sent out all Championship invites. Jennifer will research and insure all submitted Working Dog applications submitted have been completed.

Jacob Hernandez asked if a definition for a tangle could be defined. His concern is if a tangle is called, what should the handler do either cross the finish line or back away if the dog begins to pull and untangles itself prior to the handler reaching it. After discussion, it was decided the Judge has the ultimate decision. Their finding should be for the safety of the dog.

Timothy Goodell inquired about a minimum age for novice dogs to pull. After much discussion, it was the consensus of most people in attendance that 9 months be the youngest for any dog to pull a working weight amount.

Mary Hernandez asked about the Constitution and By Laws being available on the web site. Secretary to the Board Robbie Reed advised it use to be on the Members Corner. However, the password can't be changed so that link is not secure. If any member would like a PDF of it, they can contact Robbie Reed for a copy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM EST.

Best Regards, Robbie Reed Secretary to the Board



