

**Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier of Southern California  
General Meeting  
March 21, 2017**

The March General meeting was held at The Spitfire Grill at 3330 Airport Ave., Santa Monica, California.

The meeting was called to order by President Karla Cohen at 8:03 p.m.

**Roll Call**

A quorum was present. Attending were Sue Banas, Riley Capton, MJ Carr, Karla Baer Cohen, Caroline Filling, Jeanine Flavell, Victoria Gosnell, Joan Johnson, Miriam Kahan, Mary Lindquist, Michelle Montes-Capton, Lauren Smith, Marilyn Smith, Beverly Streicher, Laura Virant, and Jackie Whitham (all regular members), and Debbie Bowen (an associate members).

**Minutes of the January Minutes**

Approved as submitted.

**Report of the President**

Karla incorporated her views on the various topics raised during the meeting as those topics were presented. Karla advised us that for the first time, the SCWTCSC needs to specifically raise funds for rescue. This last year was expensive for us in the pursuit of the Club's rescue mission. Karla also advised us that we need to identify a new location for the July Pot Luck. Debbie Bowen will be moving to the Palm Desert area. Karla wished Debbie happiness in her new adventure, and thanked her for having hosted the Pot Luck for us for several years.

**Report of the Secretary**

The secretary reported the usual inquiries for general information and puppy recommendations.

**Report of the Treasurer**

SCWTCSC Rescue from 1/1/2017 through 3/21/2017

1/1/2017	Income	21,170.24
	Rescue	-2,383.41
	Net Total	-7,189.19
3/21/2017	Ending Balance	18,706.10

SCWTCSC General Fund from 12/31/2016 through 3/21/2017

12/31/2016	Balance	9,929.01
3/31/2017	Balance	14,544.01
Total Inflows		5,072.00
Total Outflows		-457.00
Net Total		4,615.00

Jackie Whitham reported that she has transferred the \$5,000.00 from the Rescue account into the General funds as the membership had voted to do a couple of years ago. This transfer had to take place before rescue became a 501c3. Jackie confirmed that the change in status has now occurred, and our rescue arm is now officially the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Rescue of Southern California. From now on, funds for the two may never be commingled. Members must write separate checks to two separate entities. Jackie explained that the SCWT Rescue of Southern California will have the same officers and directors and the Rescue Chair, but meetings, minutes, liability insurance, and other expenses must remain separate. She warned us that as a result of this new reality, our expenses will be greater in the future, and this can be seen already in the expenses of the last couple of months. Jackie suggested strongly that we begin to consider fund raising to sustain rescue, as she just recently cut a check to cover the final expenses for Zen, now living in Alaska. At \$2,800.00, Zen was a very expensive rescue. Jackie Whitham asked us to go slow, as the necessary changes have compelled her to completely restructure the Club's accounting.

### **Membership Report**

Jackie Whitham reported that approximately fifty per cent of the membership have payed their dues for 2017. She will be sending out email reminders soon.

Karla mentioned the she had only recently, and accidentally, discovered that member Paula Radin is a very successful event planner. Paula has now joined the Great Western team as Debbie Bowen's hospitality co-chair, and her particular expertise has been of enormous benefit. This has lead Karla to express a strong interested in expanding our database of information regarding our members' hobbies and job related skill sets, to be tied to the membership roster. It would clearly be beneficial to know who to approach for help in special areas. Also, Karla expressed an interest in adding their birthdates. She would like to initiate some acknowledgement or celebration of our member's birthdays.

### **Greeting Card Report**

Miriam Kahan announced that she has sent out two cards this month; a get well card to Nancy Graves for her recent surgery, and also to the family of Mike Smith upon his death last Sunday.

### **Rescue Report**

Maddox was recently placed with a single mother with twenty year old twins. Jackie Whitham has already mentioned the placement of Zen.

We need to identify new kennel facilities to be used for rescue dogs. For decades the Club was fortunate to have been able to place our rescue dogs at Bonnie Briar with Bergit and Hans Kabel. They recently retired, their kennel was sold, and it no longer exists. Jeanine Flavell mentioned that Farren Mahone's kennel in Lake Elsinore was a good option, and Farren had offered the Club a very reasonable daily rate. Aliso Canyon has always been a good resource in Orange County. Jeanine and Michelle Montes-Capton will continue to research other options such as Star-crest Kennel.

## **Old Business**

### **Pet Expo 2017**

Lauren Virant has already emailed the sign up sheet to the membership. Friday is fully booked with volunteers; there are still available spaces on Saturday and Sunday. Laura explained that the booth will be somewhat smaller this year. The space measures fifteen feet by ten feet instead of the twenty feet by ten feet we have had in previous years. By adjusting the size of the display tables in the front of the booth, Laura feels that the smaller space will still be adequate.

### **Great Western 2017**

Great Western co-chair Karla Cohen made a motion that this year Great Western be dedicated to the memory of Mike Smith, a beloved long time member of the SCWTCSC. Karla asked Marilyn Smith or Lauren Smith to provide a favorite photograph of Mike for inclusion in the show catalog.

The motion was seconded, and passed.

The Great Western theme this year will be Irish Eyes are Smiling. Beth Babos' art work will feature an adult Wheaten with a puppy. Great Western's second co-chair, Sue Banas, has sent out emails soliciting donations for the trophies.

This year our hospitality chair Debbie Bowen, will be working in partnership with Paula Radin. Paula has offered us some of her contacts for hospitality. For \$35.00 per dinner, a caterer who will be used by other clubs, offered one main course. Paula has a caterer who for the same price will offer several main course options. As we speak, Paula is in the process of determining if our insurance or his will allow him to fire up his grill on site. For lunch, Kermit, the ice cream and coffee man frequently seen at dog shows, can provide a \$15.00 box lunch with a choice of a salad or a sandwich. Paula Radin has suggested using Jim John sandwiches, who will also deliver a \$15.00 box lunch with a choice of salad or three types of subway sandwiches or three types of club sandwiches, plus an apple and cookie. The membership decided that our first choice would be both of Paula's suggested caterers, and the second choice would be Kermit. Karla paused to make a quick call to Paula at this point in the Great Western presentation, and learned that Paula had the insurance in place.

Laura Virant made a motion to choose Paula Radin's recommend caterers.

The motion was seconded, and passed.

Lauren Smith is the advertising chair again this year. The deadline for inclusion in the Great Western catalog is April 22nd. Copy and photographs may be sent to Lauren by PDF or regular mail. Once again, Lauren is available to help contributors design their ads. The Club receives money back from the Great Western Terrier Association for each ad.

Jeanine Flavell will be chairing the raffle again this year. She thanked the membership for the great donations which made 2016's raffle a success. Jeanine asked the Club for suggestions for this year's grand prize. She is planning to ask Beth Babos if she would be willing to decorate another soft crate with this year's theme. Jackie Whitham suggested that that would constitute a grand prize in her eyes. Jeanine asked the SCWTCS to donate the traditional amount of \$350.00 to pay for the Club's grand prize.

The motion was seconded, and passed.

Miriam has agreed to chair the boutique again this year. As of today, Mary Lindquist, Laura Virant, and Debbie Bowen will be participating.

Debbie Bowen, Miriam Kahan, and Jeanine Flavell all agreed that the table layout developed by Karla Cohen last year completely met all the special needs of hospitality, boutique, and raffle under the Wheaten area tent.

## **New Business**

### **Fun Day 2017**

Fun Day is scheduled for Sunday, October 22nd this year. We will be returning to the Lake Forrest Sports and Recreational Park, in Lake Forrest, California.

There will be an Irish Fair at the Long Beach Convention Center on July 22nd and 23rd. The AKC is encouraging Breed Clubs whose dogs originated in Ireland to participate in a meet the breed at the Fair. Unfortunately, the date conflicts with the Pot Luck.

The AKC has also notified Karla that there will be a rescue convention in New Jersey, and invites our participation.

We are still looking for a location for the proposed grooming workshop.

The next General Meeting will be April 18th, at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Duarte, California.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Jeanine Flavell  
Secretary

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