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Member Information / Informations aux membres

The Irish Wolfhound Club of Canada (IWCC/CCLI) Code of Ethics applies to **all** members. The COE was revised and an additional section was added in 2017 to specify breeder ethics. This Code of Ethics was approved at the 2017 IWCC AGM.

All existing Club members and new applicants must sign and/or agree to the 2017 COE to be accepted for membership in the IWCC/CCLI.

Le code d'éthique s'applique à **tous** les membres. Le code a été révisé en 2017 et on a créé une nouvelle section s'adressant spécifiquement aux éleveurs. Ce code d'éthique a été approuvé lors de l'AGA 2017 du CCLI.

Tous les membres actuels et nouveaux du CCLI doivent signer et endosser le Code d'Éthique 2017 du CCLI pour être acceptés dans le club.

Please fill out the included Application/Renewal form making sure to sign the COE on the back.

Return by post or by e-mail to:

Soyez certain de joindre une copie signée du Code d'éthique à votre formulaire d'adhésion ou de renouvellement et postez ou envoyez un courriel à :

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New Membership Fees / Nouveaux Fais d'adhésions

Please note / Notez SVP :

- 1) The discounted additional family membership fee is no longer available (*all family members are required to pay the same amount*)
- 1) Les frais d'adhésion additionnels pour la famille ne sont plus disponibles (*tous les membres de la famille doivent payer le même montant*)
- 2) The on-line Bulletins are available to all members
- 2) Les bulletins en ligne sont disponibles pour tous les membres
- 3) The printed Bulletins are available only to members who have subscribed and paid the addition yearly fee for 4 issues.
- 3) Les bulletins imprimés sont disponibles uniquement pour les membres qui auront adhéré et payé les frais annuels supplémentaires pour 4 numéros.

Membership Fee/person / Frais d'adhésion/personne — Subscription to Printed Bulletins / Abonnement aux bulletins imprimés

Canada	\$40/yr	+	\$30/yr
USA	\$45/yr	+	\$40/yr
Foreign	\$45/yr	+	\$50/yr

IWCC Membership Fee Changes 2017

At the Annual General meeting held on September 15, 2017 in Mission British Columbia the membership voted that members wishing to receive hard copies of the Club newsletter, the Bulletin, would have to cover the cost of printing and mailing of the newsletter for the year, in addition to the annual membership fee.

The membership fee continues to include access to the online version of the newsletter and the club chat list. Members who have achieved regular membership status in the USA and Canada will also be eligible to vote.

The current finances of the club necessitated a review of how to bring in additional revenue to cover increasing expenses and a concerted effort to cut back on expenses. There are several primary contributing factors to this situation.

The four main sources of revenue for the club are: donations, membership fees, interest from investments and specialty revenues.

Membership fees have remained relatively stable. They have not increased in recent years, in spite of increasing expenses.

A decade ago, dog shows were huge events. Declining entries have been the bane of dog shows across Canada and the USA and our Specialty events have also seen reduced numbers. Accordingly, the profits that we used to experience from the Specialty events in years past, have been reduced to much smaller amounts of revenue for the club.

In the last decade revenue from our investments has dwindled due to the global reduction of interest on term deposits or guaranteed investment certificates. The reduction has been significant for the IWCC, and we have gone from earning 7% and 8% on our investments to 1% or less. In years past the club would receive upwards of \$6,000 a year. In 2016 we earned \$1,388 in 2017 this year to date \$950.00.

Several years ago the club was put on notice that it has to comply with the federal Not for Profit legislation and re write its Constitution and Bylaws. The Board of Directors prepared, and the membership passed, the new Constitution and Bylaws including the provision that the club have a Public Accountant conduct annual review engagements of the IWCC finances. The first year for review was 2015. The cost for this was estimated at \$2,000 but when the actual bills came in from the accounting firm, the cost was closer to \$2500. At the 2016 AGM the club on motion appointed BDO to continue as the Club's Public Accountant. A motion was brought to dispense with a Public Accountant at the 2017 AGM, albeit unsuccessfully. A unanimous vote by the members is required to dispense with the Public Accountant, and 2 members voted against the motion, so it failed. As a result a subsequent motion was made and passed to again appoint BDO the Public Accountant for the same review for the 2017 year.

Unfortunately, the price of this service is now well over \$3500 plus HST. This is a significant increase to the club which will be incurred annually, undoubtedly with increases, until a unanimous vote dispenses with the Public Accountant.

The Board has sought to find a reputable accounting firm that would offer a reduced rate for this review engagement, but unfortunately, unless someone (who is a Public Accountant) is willing to donate their services, the going rate quoted is about \$3,500 plus HST.

So, not only does the club face dwindling revenues, but a significant and uncontrollable increase in expenses, at this time, to pay a Public Accountant.

We would also like to bring the following to the members' attention. The Financial Statements prepared by BDO for year ending Dec. 31st 2015 were not correct as we note that:

- They omitted to include their fees on the Balance Sheet under Accrued Liabilities resulting in an under evaluation of the liabilities, and
- They listed the Rescue Funds in 2 different places on the Balance Sheet; once in the Bank Asset and again as its own Asset, resulting in an over evaluation of the assets, hence erroneously increasing the net profit and misrepresenting the club's financial position.

Another major expense to the club each year is the production of the Bulletin. Membership income no longer covers the cost of the production and mailing of the Bulletin. In 2017 the Club ran a one year test to see if there would be a large shift to an on-line Bulletin choice, with a \$10 reduction in the cost of membership for online newsletters only. This has not resulted in any cost savings to the club.

The combination of increasing expenses (Bulletin, Public Accountant) and reduction of income (lower interest rates & smaller profits from Specialties) has significantly impacted the financial position of the club, so in the last 2 years we are operating at a loss.

In an effort to keep membership fees reasonable and yet cover our expenditures, a motion was made by club members at the AGM to only include printed and mailed Bulletins to those members who pay for this subscription in addition to their annual member dues. The motion succeeded.

Starting in 2018 every Member will pay an annual fee for membership. There will no longer be a family membership (i.e. Two club members in the same household paying a reduced rate). Every member will pay the annual fee dependent on their country of residence. Every member will be able to subscribe to a printed copy of the Bulletin for an annual fee.

We know that some members really like to review the Specialty or Winter Issue of the Bulletin therefore we are considering making this available as a stand alone issue if pre-paid prior to publication for those who do not wish to subscribe for the annual printed Bulletin. More details will be made available early in 2018.

My colleagues on the board and I wanted to be sure that members understood the need for these changes in the membership fees. The Board is working hard to keep the club solvent. Member efforts in this regard are also welcome!

Our treasurer has also provided figures for year to date below: *(Total 2017 Bulletin expenses include 1- 2015, 1-2016, and 3 -2017 Bulletins)*

2017 Income		2017 Expenses	
Memberships	\$4,765.	Bulletins	\$6,235.
Donations	\$434.	Insurance	\$1,123.
Investment income	\$950.	Public accountant	\$4,000.
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National Specialty Events anticipated to be break even.

Jocelyne Gagné, President, IWCC